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MYSTERY OF VANISHED WARSHIPS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
CONSIDERABLE MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SPANISH REPUBLICAN FLEET.

During the attempted coup in Cartagena the loyalist warships put to sea, and since then nothing definite has been heard of them.

Nationalist warships left harbour soon after, but nothing is known of a fleet action.

OFF ALGERIA?

An unconfirmed report says that units of the Republican fleet have been sighted travelling eastwards along the coast of Algeria.

The loyalist warships are the cruisers Libertad and Miguel Cervantes, the destroyers Churrua, Mendez Nunez, Alsado, Antequera Lepanto, Almirante Miranda, Almirante Valdes and Alcala Galiano, as well as ten submarines and auxiliaries.

Trans-Ocean says that the warships were heading for Oran, but were instructed by the French authorities to proceed to Bizerta.

DEFENCE COUNCIL OF SIX -- NO COMMUNISTS

Madrid, To-day.

The new Defence Council (which has announced its willingness for an equitable peace but that Republican Spain will fight if this is not obtained) consists of six members.

Represented are the Socialists, Left Wing Republicans, the General Union of Workers and the Anarcho-Syndicalists.

Foreign journalists in Madrid learned of the coup when they were summoned to staff headquarters.

Here they were told to remain in a room and were forbidden communication with the outside world. Not even local telephone calls were permitted.

At midnight they were led by officers into another room where they listened in to a radio announcement of the deposing of Premier Negrin.

Assassination Of Puppet Official Rumoured

Canton, To-day.

Systematic house-to-house searches in suspected localities of the city have been started by the Japanese authorities in an attempt to curb the present crime wave, which shows no signs of diminishing.

A large area between the British Bridge (leading to Shameen) and Wongsha station was cordoned off in order to allow Japanese troops and Chinese volunteers to conduct a thorough and uninterrupted search.

Besides combing every dwelling the inmates were subjected to strict questioning. Result of the search is not known but several Chinese were seen to be led away with their hands tied behind their backs.

In their present campaign against crime the Japanese are labouring under a severe handicap, as the city is suffering from a shortage of rice, which is causing acute suffering among the poorer classes.

Expected fresh supplies have for an unknown reason failed to arrive from the countryside during the past few days, with the result that the price has soared beyond the reach of the majority of the populace.

ASSASSINATION RUMOUR

The authorities, both Chinese and Japanese, are doing all they can to remedy the serious situation. First step has been the

issue of an order strictly forbidding the export of rice from the city.

The institution of house-to-house searches has given rise to a crop of rumours, including the assassination of a Chinese official of the pro-Japanese "city government," the wounding of a Japanese sentry by gunmen and the murder of a Chinese police officer.

NEW ITALIAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY

Rome, To-day.
Mussolini has approved plans for construction of a new aircraft factory north-east of Naples. The factory will cover an area of nearly 1,000 acres.

NORTH CHINA RESTRICTIONS FROM TO-DAY

Chefoo, To-day.

It is announced that from to-day, restrictions on exports abroad and to other parts of China formerly imposed by the Chinese and Japanese, have been abolished on all except 12 items.

These, which include peanuts, cottonseed, tobacco leaf and coal, will still need export permits from the Federal Reserve Bank showing that the bills were negotiated at the fixed rate of 1/2d. — Reuter.

All were categorically denied by the Japanese gendarmerie authorities, who have now added to their other duties the task of tracing the source of these reports. — Reuter.

GANDHI DEATH WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

FEARS FOR THE LIFE OF MR. GANDHI, WHO HAS LOST WEIGHT AND WHOSE CONDITION IS DEFINITELY GRAVE, ARE CAUSING WIDESPREAD CONCERN IN INDIA.

"The Statesman," the influential English daily, says that "if Mr. Gandhi is allowed to commit suicide it would be a national calamity and would have repercussions all over India."

The economic effects of Mr. Gandhi's fast are already in evidence in Bombay, where hundreds of Indian shops have put up their shutters and business is almost at a standstill.

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CALCUTTA COMMUNAL RIOTING

Calcutta, To-day.
Following an outbreak of communal rioting in the cotton mill area 14 miles from Calcutta yesterday, 130 persons were taken to hospital.
Police dispersed the crowd and made 17 arrests.—Reuter.

MR. GANDHI'S FAST EXPLAINED IN HOUSE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A STATEMENT WAS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH MR. GANDHI BEGAN HIS FAST, WHICH HAS ALREADY LASTED THREE DAYS, ON THE QUESTION OF REFORMS IN RAJKOT.

Colonel Muirhead said that on March 2, Mr. Gandhi sent an ultimatum to the ruler of Rajkot State, suggesting he should set up a committee to recommend a scheme of constitutional advance in the State.

The committee was to consist of four members chosen by the ruler and five members, including a chairman, named by Mr. Gandhi. Three officers of the State, to be approved by Mr. Gandhi, might be appointed as advisers to the committee without right to vote.

The committee was to start work on March 7 and to report by March 22. Its recommendations were to be put into force within seven days subject to their examination by Mr. Gandhi or Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel.

GANDHI'S UNDERTAKING

Mr. Gandhi undertook to allow nothing to remain in these recommendations which would affect the prestige of the ruler, his State or his subjects. Mr. Gandhi also stated that all political prisoners must be released and all fines for political offences remitted.

Falling acceptance of these suggestions Mr. Gandhi threatened to fast.

The ruler rejected this ultimatum and Mr. Gandhi began to fast on March 3.

The ruler has denied he has broken any of his undertaking in connection with appointment of a reforms committee, and the Crown representative did not consider a case, to the contrary had been made out.—British Wireless.

GUERRILLAS ACTIVE IN PEIPING AREA

Chungking, To-day.
Japanese-hired Chinese irregulars under the command of Chang Sung-yu who mutinied recently

DETERRENT TO HOSTILE POWER

Washington, To-day.

Admiral Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, appeared before the Senate naval committee yesterday to renew the Navy's effort to obtain Congressional authority for the Guam fortification plan.

Admiral Leahy declared the island's strategic position made it of inestimable value as a possible defence base.

It would act as a strong deterrent to "any foreign power contemplating a hostile move towards the Hawaiian Islands or the continent of the United States."

Admiral Leahy contended that Guam was of great importance as a possible air and submarine base "from which to protect our overseas commerce from the Netherlands East Indies."

It was also valuable as a possible naval station and a base for the Asiatic Fleet when the United States withdraws from the Philippine Islands in 1946.

ERONEOUS ASSUMPTION

Admiral Leahy at the same time protested against opposition to the plan which was generally based on the erroneous assumption that strong fortifications were at present envisaged.

As hitherto outlined, the plan entails the building of a new breakwater and improvement of the facilities for handling aeroplanes.

The programme is before the Senate in the \$65,000,000 Bill to authorise improvements in naval aviation facilities in a number of places, including the group of mid-Pacific islands.

This Bill is similar to the \$47,000,000 Air Base Bill recently passed by the House of Representatives with the elimination of authority to develop Guam.—Reuter.

COL. BECK'S VISIT WELCOMED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons at question time yesterday that the Polish Foreign Minister would shortly pay a visit to Britain—most probably in the first week in April.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "The British Government welcome the opportunity which the visit will afford of discussing with Colonel Beck matters of common interest to our two countries."—British Wireless.

are reported to be active in the outskirts of Peiping.

Three thousand Chinese guerrillas at Hsiao-chan, 22 miles southeast of Tientsin, have had several engagements with the Japanese during the last few days.—Central News.

BRITISH EMPLOYMENT IMPROVES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

BETWEEN JANUARY 16, THE DATE OF THE LAST RETURN, AND FEBRUARY 18, EMPLOYMENT IMPROVED IN ALL BUT A FEW INDUSTRIES.

The Ministry of Labour estimates that at the latter date the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain was approximately 12,222,000. This was 143,000 more than the month before and on a comparable basis about 70,000 more than the year before.

At the same date, registered unemployed totalled 1,896,718, comprising 1,538,512 wholly unemployed, 291,680 temporarily laid off and 66,526 normally in casual employment. The total was 142,808 less than the month before but 86,297 more than a year ago.

Of the numbers unemployed, 727,000, or 42 per cent., had been without work for less than six weeks, and 300,000 more, or another 17 per cent., for more than six weeks but less than three months.—British Wireless.

JAP. RAID ON SIANGYANG

Siangyang, Hupeh, To-day.

Siangyang, on the south bank of the Han River in northern Hupeh, suffered considerably as a result of a severe air raid by 12 Japanese bombers yesterday.

More than 40 light and heavy bombs were showered on the city, killing and wounding over 20 civilians and demolishing some 30 houses.

Earlier in the day, a Japanese plane conducted reconnaissance over Shensi and Ichang on the north bank of the Yangtze River.—Central News.

BERLIN ATTACKS B. B. C.

B.B.C. broadcast of the arrival of Jewish refugee children from Germany has angered the German Press, says Reuter.
One paper declares: "That broadcast was maliciously done and an indirect incitement against Germany."

JAP. PLANES RAID NINGHSIA

Lanchow, To-day.

Extending their bombing operations to far-flung Ninghsia, 15 Japanese planes, flying from Suiyuan, staged a severe air raid over Ninghsia, the provincial capital, yesterday.

A large number of bombs were dumped indiscriminately in the outskirts of the city. Losses are believed to be considerable.

After the attack, the Japanese raiders flew away in a southeasterly direction passing over northern Shensi.

Yenan, in northern Shensi, and Hancheng, in east Shensi on the Yellow River bank, were also bombed by Japanese planes yesterday. Scores of missiles were rained in the suburbs of Yen-an and seven outside Hancheng.—Central News.

WAR COUNCIL IN TUNIS

Paris, To-day.

The commander-in-chief of the French North African troops and the Resident-General of Morocco, General Mogues, held a "war council" in Tunis.

Taking part were Vice-Admiral Blery, the Chief of the French naval squadron anchored before Bizerta, General Poipind, the commander of the 19th Army Corps, General Testut, the commander of the 5th Air Corps, Generals Juin and Horcourt who both arrived from Marseilles, as well as all commanding generals in Algeria and Tunisia.

An inspection of the South Tunisian defence line began yesterday while the French Resident-General of Tunis, General Eric Labonne, has left on an inspection tour to Soussa Sfax and Kairouan.—Trans-Ocean.

'MISCHIEF-MAKERS' IN IRAQ

Baghdad, To-day.

Martial law has been proclaimed by army headquarters at Rashid, six miles from Baghdad, and in surrounding districts. A number of suspects have been arrested.

A laconic statement on behalf of the Government ascribes the trouble to "mischief-makers."—Reuter.

SLOW PROGRESS IN PALESTINE TALKS

Arabs Mystified By Report Of Revised Proposals

London, To-day.

The British and Arab delegations to the Palestine Conference held a lengthy meeting yesterday morning and continued discussion of the British suggestions and Arab objections. The meeting will be continued to-day.

Yesterday's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed until to-day.

Reuter is informed in authoritative Jewish quarters that the afternoon meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed because it was thought that last night's informal meeting with the British Government delegates might make it clear whether or not the British suggestions were liable to modification.

If they are so liable, then to-day's meeting of the committee is expected to discuss counter-proposals to be put forward by the Jewish delegates.

Three of the foremost Palestine members of the Jewish delegation, namely Mr. Benzvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council in Palestine, Mr. Mossinson, Education Director of the Council, and Mr. Suprasky, called on the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, at 4 p.m.

It is understood they said farewell as they are leaving for Palestine this week.

ARABS MYSTIFIED

Arab circles in London profess to be mystified by the news from Egypt of the approach to the Mufti of Jerusalem to obtain his consent of revised proposals.

It is stated that initiative for such a move did not come from the Arab delegates in London, and that a cablegram from the Mufti yesterday morning did not refer to any such proposals.

The meeting with the Arab committee in the morning dealt with the British proposals and Arab counter-proposals.

Arab delegates described progress as slow. They declined to admit they were satisfied with the position but agreed that they were not dissatisfied.—Reuter.

NAZI COTTON HOLDING COMPANY

Berlin, To-day.

A holding company of all cotton firms has been formed in Bremen, with a capital of 10,000,000 marks.

Cotton imports are to be centralized, and orders are being placed in those countries ready to buy German industrial products.

Cotton purchases in countries which in the past have taken export goods in payment, will be affected by the new business method.—Reuter.

COL. BECK TO VISIT LONDON

London, To-day.

It is announced that Colonel Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, will shortly visit England to discuss matters of common interest with the British Government.

The visit will probably take place in the first week of April.—Reuter.

1,000,000 MEN READY IN SPAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE EXPECTED GENERAL OFFENSIVE BY FRANCO'S TROOPS AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN SPANISH FORCES, THE LONDON PRESS ASSERTS THAT AT LEAST ONE MILLION MEN ARE NOW CONCENTRATED ON ALL FRONTS BY GENERAL FRANCO.

All main highroads and numerous sideroads are said to be blocked by military transports and long lines of trucks carrying food supplies and ammunition to the front.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a message from its special correspondent in Burgos states that General Franco has completed drawing an iron ring around Madrid.

The artillery concentrated in this sector is said to be the most gigantic line-up of guns of all calibres undertaken since the outbreak of the civil war.

The general impression is that Madrid will most likely surrender without any further bloodshed.

According to the "Daily Mail," General Franco will make a final conciliatory gesture in a broadcast speech and by letting National Spanish armies drop a final appeal to surrender, over the Republican lines before launching a decisive offensive.—Trans-Ocean.



Tyneside turned out in its thousands to welcome the King and Queen and before launching the new 35,000-ton battleship King George V. Their Majesties visited the big armament works at Elswick and Scotswood, and the Newcastle General Hospital. Above is the Lord Mayor of Newcastle introducing the King and Queen to civic heads of Newcastle.

SIGNIFICANT POLE-RUMANIAN TALKS

WARSAW, TO-DAY.

THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GAFENCU, RECEIVED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN PRESS HERE AND STATED THAT THE MAIN OBJECT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS POLISH COLLEAGUE COLONEL BECK HAD BEEN TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS FOR CO-ORDINATING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A BASIS OF THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS.

M. Gafencu stressed the necessity for both countries to establish satisfactory relations with Hungary but at the same time pointed out that the question of the Hungarian minority insofar as it affected Rumania was exclusively an internal Rumanian problem.

Regarding the question of Carpatho-Ukraine, M. Gafencu observed that Poland and Rumania were faced by the arbitral sentence recorded at Vienna.

GREAT IMPORTANCE

The question of communications between Rumania and Poland was said by the minister to be of great importance for the development of their trading relations.

As regards the Jewish problem, the interests of the two countries were similar and M. Gafencu

added that he had requested Col. Beck to insist on this community of interests in the course of his forthcoming conversations with British statesmen in London.

M. Gafencu emphasised that these common interests have no reference to colonial questions.—Trans-Ocean.

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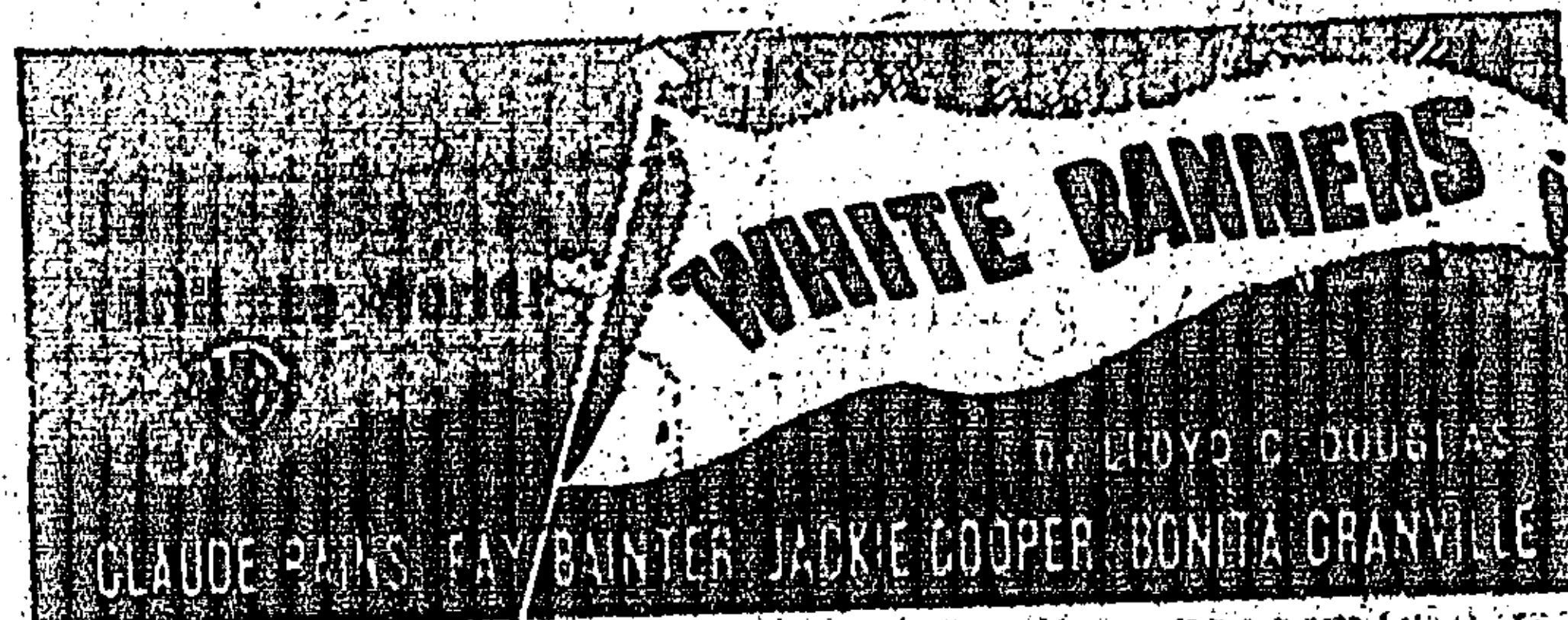
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It was further stated that with the continuance of the abnormal rate of growth of the system it was necessary to provide additional exchange equipment at all main exchanges and that the matter had already been attended to by the Board of directors.

The net profit for the year was \$845,881.10 and a final dividend of 8% per cent. was recommended.

Mr. Taggart said:—
The results, as indicated by the Accounts, are eminently satisfactory but should, I suggest, be regarded to a material extent as reflecting the abnormal conditions which have existed in the Far East during the whole of the period under review.

The sum of \$56,995 has accrued to Government in the matter of Royalties and represents an increase of \$8,535 over that paid in respect of the previous financial year.

The amount charged in the accounts for Depreciation is shown in the sum of \$521,524.38 and, although this is considerably higher than for the preceding year, your Directors are convinced that, having regard to the unsettled outlook in relation to world affairs generally, it behoves your Company to embrace the opportunity presented of further strengthening the financial structure in the safe-guarding of your Capital Investment.

NEW CONNECTIONS

On the Credit side the Balance from Working Account exceeds that for the previous year by \$209,900.23 and is attributable mainly to the augmented subscription revenue derived from the large number of additional connections made during 1938.

Your Company's resources, continue to be severely taxed and the continuance of the abnormal rate of growth of the system necessitates the provision of additional exchange equipment at all main Exchanges.

Anticipating this situation, your Directors had already authorised the drawing up of specifications and the preparation of technical details, and these were submitted to the manufacturers some time ago. As much preliminary work as could be undertaken in advance has, therefore, been completed and your Manager has been instructed to proceed to London so that final arrangements can be concluded and the order for the new equipment placed with a minimum of delay.

I would remark that it is not the present intention of your Directors to call up fresh Capital to finance this project.

RESERVE NECESSARY

Under the heading "Interest, Dividends and Exchange" an increase of \$33,649.05 is recorded which, I feel sure, you will regard as satisfactory.

It is recommended that the customary annual appropriation of \$170,482.00 be made to General Reserve. On the contra side it will be seen that Investments show a depreciation of \$500,408.33 on cost, which works out at a fraction over 15% as against 9.5% at 31st December, 1937 and, whilst present world conditions continue to prevail, it is unlikely that any material improvement in market values can be anticipated. The necessity for the provision of an Investment Fluctuation Reserve is obvious and has been stressed from this Chair for some years.

Whereas your Company is both able and willing to adjust the matter, we have not yet been able to obtain the requisite authority for removal of the technical objection to this course of procedure, in which relation I may add that having regard to present conditions it is difficult to see how permission can reasonably be withheld much longer.

CANTON LINE

The year under review has witnessed the suspension of trunk telephone service to Canton and has completely nullified the good work which had previously been accomplished in the past.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE SUMMONED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO GATHER FIRST-HAND INFORMATION OF LOCAL FINANCE AND FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO COPE WITH JAPANESE MEASURES ENFORCED IN CONTROLLED TERRITORY TO UNDERMINE CHINA'S ECONOMIC AND CURRENCY SYSTEM. IS BEING HELD HERE.

The inaugural meeting yesterday was attended by more than 40 of the nation's leading bankers and financiers from Szechwan, Yunnan, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Chekiang, Kiangsu, Honan, Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei, Kiangsi, Shensi and Kansu.

In an address, Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, asked the conferees to study the following points carefully: development of economic resources, strengthening of the currency system, maintenance of the credit of the Chinese currency, facilitation of the purchase of native products, regulation of commodity prices, and supply and distribution of food-stuffs.

Reports on the financial conditions in various provinces were made by the respective delegates.—Central News.

A.R.P. LECTURES

A series of A.R.P. lectures (modified course) for Air Raid Warden Instructors and Air Raid Wardens will be held at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, every Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., commencing on Wednesday, March 8. The lectures will be given by Mr. L. D. Skinner. The public are cordially invited to attend.

of the provision of a telephone network linking Hong Kong with all the more important cities in China. Your Manager recently visited Canton to explore the possibilities of re-opening the service but was not impressed with the prospects for an early resumption. However, the American interests operating the telephones in Canton have performed Trojan work in re-establishing the domestic service there, and are using all means at their disposal to facilitate the restoration of trunk service to Hong Kong.

The cash position as displayed under the heading "Current Assets" is a favourable one and must afford Members considerable satisfaction.

Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were carried unanimously.

An extra-ordinary general meeting was held immediately after at which a special resolution to alter the Articles of Association of the Company was carried on the proposal of the chairman, seconded by Mr. A. McCallar.

Chinese Immigration To Burma Via New Road Exaggerated

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons last night, Lt.-Col. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for India and Burma, moved that the Shan States Federal Fund Order be made in the form of a draft laid before Parliament.

Lt.-Col. Sir Arnold Wilson (Conservative) asked whether any provisions had been made with a view to preventing the almost unlimited incursion of Chinese into the Shan States in consequence of construction of the new Burma road.

That road had been built on grounds of high policy. According to his information, very large numbers of Chinese, much larger than ever before, were entering Burma by this road.

Then Shan States were responsible for the safety of their frontier and for preventing the immigration of unauthorised persons from China to Burma.

The Shan States were responsible 25 per cent. of their revenue to the Fund and were entitled to maximum protection and financial assistance from Burma to prevent overrunning by Chinese coolies.

Sir Arnold Wilson asked whether the Shan States would be indemnified as a result of temporary provision in any expense that might be necessary to prevent Chinese immigration.

MEMBER'S FEARS

He added: "I fear we are going to do with the Shan States what we have done with Burma. We allowed 40 per cent. of the land to be bought by Indians who are as alien to Burma as we are."

Lt.-Col. Muirhead said Sir Arnold Wilson had raised a point of very wide and considerable interest, and his speech showed numerous aspects of construction of the new road.

On the other hand the provision suggested was at present a hypothetical one. At present there was no unusual influx of Chinese and the particular problems envisaged were not likely to materialise in the next twelve months.

INTERIM ARRANGEMENT

This provision was purely an interim arrangement for twelve months.

Sir Arnold Wilson asked whether any part of the cost of completing the road fell to the public charge on the Shan States.

Lt.-Col. Muirhead: Yes, a certain proportion of the Shan States do contribute to the cost but it is not a part of the particular adjustment with which we are dealing.

In reply to a further question by Sir Arnold Wilson, Lt.-Col. Muirhead said the matter of policing was a rather different question.

"Only last December I travelled along that road and went into China for ten miles, and although one met a considerable number of Chinese on the road, the information I was given, which is unofficial, was that there were perhaps not so many Chinese coming across the border this year as last."

The debate was adjourned pending consideration of the Order by the House of Lords.—Reuter.

JAPS. TURN ATTENTION TO FRENCH

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the Japanese authorities in Shanghai have presented the French Concession authorities with three demands.

The demands are almost identical to those presented to the Shanghai Municipal Council two weeks ago.

It is said that the Japanese demand participation in the administration of the Concession; participation of Japanese police in the French Police Force, and the extermination of anti-Japanese activities and organisations. — Our Own Correspondent.

ROYAL DEPARTURE DELAYED

London, To-day.

The departure of the King and Queen for Canada has been altered to May 6 in view of the possibility of arrival at Quebec being delayed by weather conditions.

Their Majesties' arrival at Quebec anyhow will be on May 15.—Reuter.

"HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME AS TALKING FILM

The famous Victor Hugo novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be brought to the screen as a talking picture, shortly.

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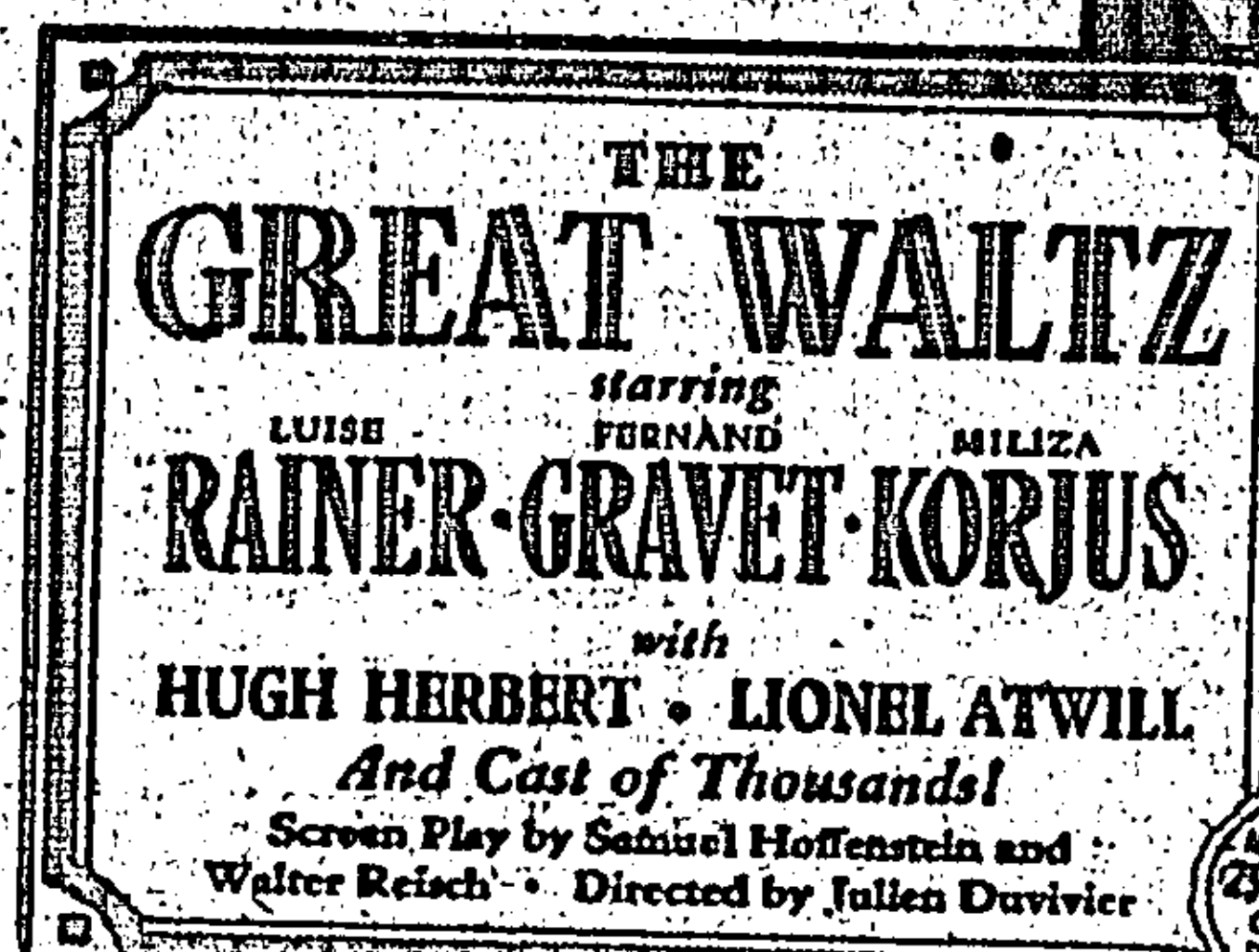
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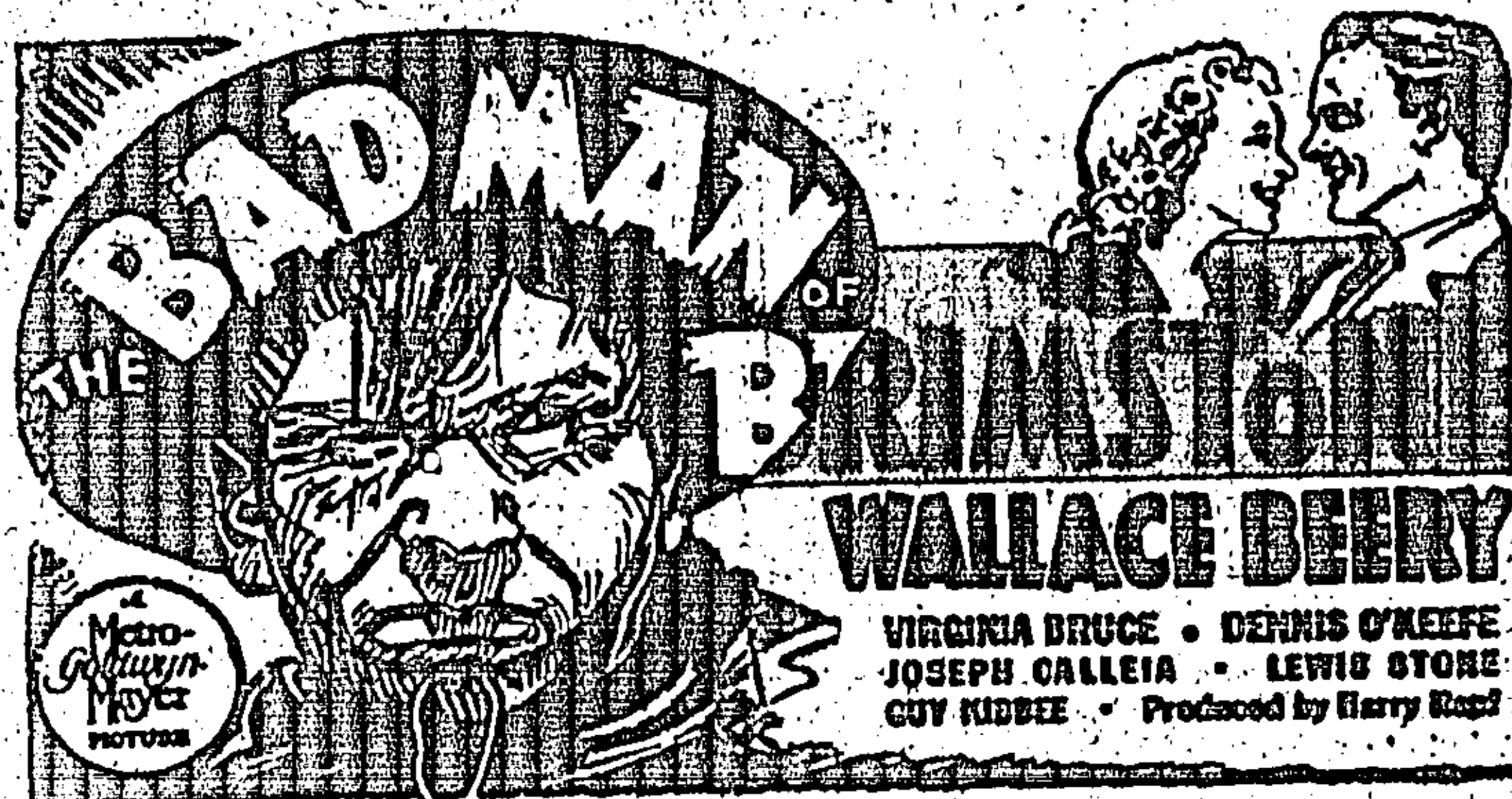
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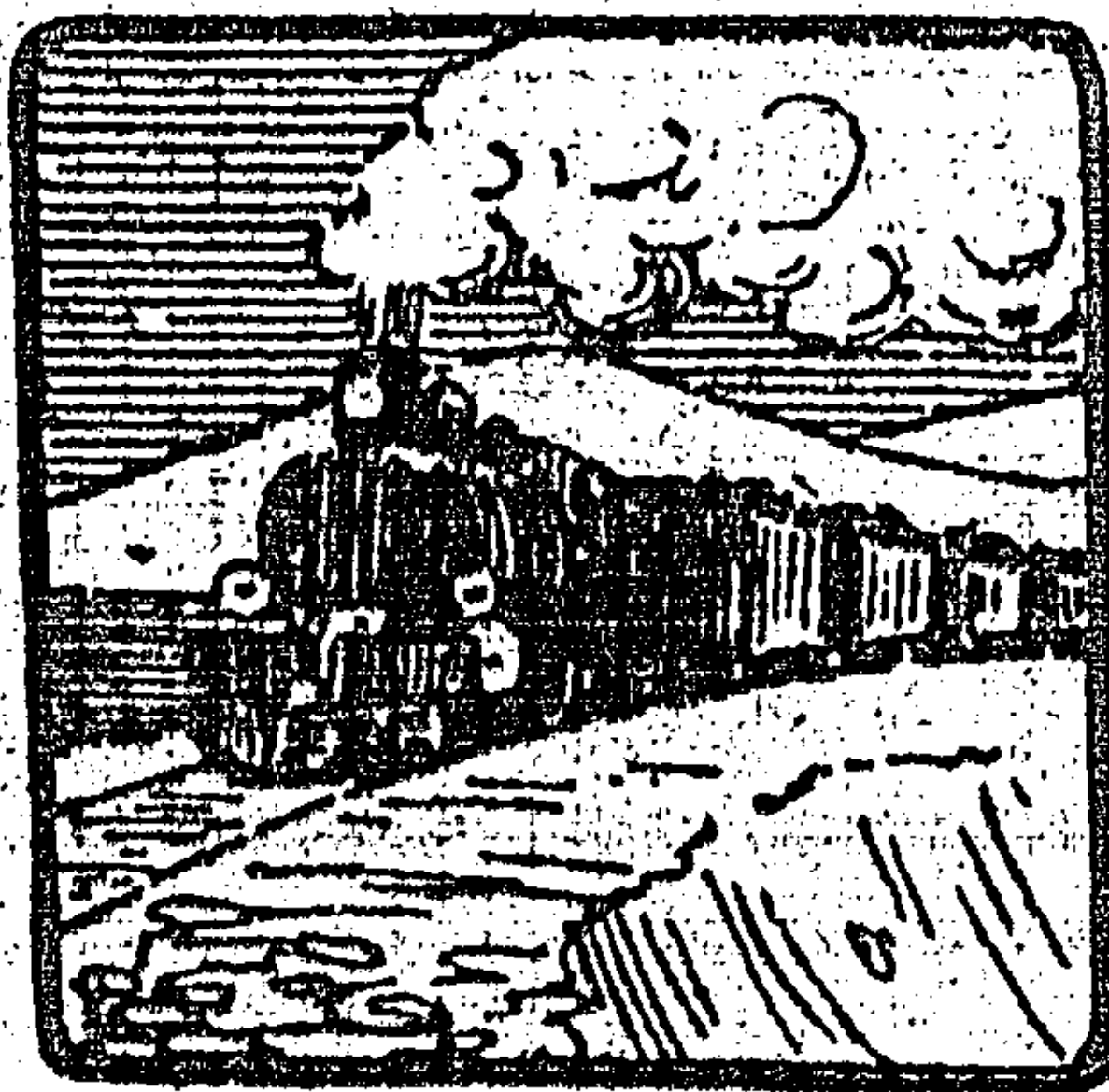
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DEFENCE LOANS BILL PASSES FINAL STAGES: OPPOSITION ATTACK

London, To-day.

The Defence Loans Bill passed its final stages in the House of Commons last evening.

For the Opposition, Mr. Pethick Lawrence said they did not propose to divide the House against the third reading.

"In spite of our opposition to much of the Government's policy, out of which in our opinion the need for this Bill arises, we find ourselves driven into the position of not opposing the Bill."

"The Bill does not arise because the Government's foreign policy has been successful but because it has been a failure, and the fact that we are taking this course does not mean that we abate in any respect our hostility to a great deal of the Government's action abroad, nor does it commit us to acquiescing in any way in the allocation which the Chancellor decides to make between taxing and borrowing."

MIGHT BE DANGER

Mr. Lawrence went on to urge upon the Government the necessity of marrying the plan for economic recovery to the plan for monetary expansion inherent in the measure before the House or else there might be danger, he said, if peace suddenly broke out of economic disaster and collapse.

For the Liberals, Mr. Wilfred Roberts argued the urgency, if the country was to hold its own in the armaments race, of mobilising for industry by proper economic planning the wasted manpower of the unemployed.

HAD NEVER CONCEIVED

Mr. Henderson Stewart (Liberal National) claimed the debate showed the unanimity of the House on defence.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying for the Government, emphasised that the Government had never conceived that in the rearmament programme of \$1,500,000,000, eleven-fifteenths was to be regarded as an annual charge and four-fifteenths as a capital charge.

There was never any idea of a total between capital and non-capital expenditure in those proportions.

FAVOURABLE INDICATIONS

On the contrary, they were throwing a very considerable part of capital expenditure upon revenue.

They were justified in getting a very substantial amount by way of loan. They were actually raising for defence out of revenue twice as much as in 1934.

He was satisfied that the indications were favourable, and the best opinion was that the country could shoulder this burden. — British Wireless.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGES IN CENTRAL HUPEH

ICHANG, TO-DAY.

HOSTILITIES IN CENTRAL HUPEH HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO CHUNGSIANG, STRATEGIC TOWN ON THE EAST BANK OF THE HAN RIVER.

After engaging the Chinese at Tsaochiattien, about one mile south-east of Chungsiang, on Sunday, the Japanese advanced to the latter town yesterday. Bloody fighting continued in the evening, when the situation was admitted to be critical.

The Japanese right wing pushing toward Wangchiatsi and Changshoutien, about 20 miles north of Chungsiang, was intercepted by two Chinese columns.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, is raging unabated to the east of Kiukow, important river town on the east bank of the Han River, 20 miles south of Chungsiang, where the Chinese are fighting fiercely to stem the advance of the Japanese left wing.

Reinforced by about 600 men, the Japanese troops at Yokowchen, on the north bank of the Siang River, 28 miles southwest of Tienmen, have also resumed their westward drive. Cavalry raiding parties have been sent out to Peng-shihho.

CHINESE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

In north Hupeh, the Chinese are launching a counter-offensive on Hsuehiattien, northeast of Suhsien on the north bank of the Yun River, 34 miles west of Yingshan.

While fighting in central Hupeh is raging with increasing violence, the lull in north Hunan is unbroken, according to reports from Changteh. Rain has kept both the Chinese and Japanese sides inactive during the last few days. — Central News.

MME. CHIANG QUEEN VICTORIA OF CHINA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEANS TO CHINA TO-DAY WHAT QUEEN VICTORIA MEANT TO GREAT BRITAIN," DECLARED MR. G. W. SHEPHERD, CONFIDENTIAL ADVISER TO GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK, YESTERDAY.

Mr. Shepherd was paying a tribute to the splendid work Chinese women were doing to help their country.

Mr. Shepherd, who is spending a short time in London en route to

New York, whence he is returning to China, expressed the belief that the war in China would continue at least another three years and will not end in the defeat of China.

JAPAN'S MISTAKE

One mistake Japan had made since the beginning of the conflict was that they had not taken into account the new spirit in China.

The greatest need to-day was medicines, and this would become greater in the next three years. — Reuter.

ORDERLY SURRENDER OR ANARCHY

BURGOS TALKS OF SURRENDER

Burgos, To-day.
Significance of the dramatic developments in the Republican zone is considered in Burgos to be extraordinarily difficult to assess.

While the feature of the new Madrid Defence Council indicates that Communist elements have been thrown out, the broadcast statements of its leaders are regarding as indicating a determination to continue the fight unless the Nationalists give conditions for surrender which they hitherto have refused.

However, it is thought here that since General Casado and General Miaja are both military men with full appreciation that their defence must collapse before a Nationalist offensive, the Council has been formed as an organising body for ultimate surrender.

General feeling in Burgos is that the balance is now swaying between anarchy and orderly surrender, with the balance towards the latter.

COUNCIL APPROVED

Meanwhile, a Madrid despatch says that the chiefs of the Madrid front army were arriving at general staff headquarters all morning announcing their support for the National Defence Council.

General Casado telephonically received the approval of all army corps commanders, all civil governors and all political sections except the Communists.

Now that the Negrin Cabinet has resigned some former Ministers are coming to Madrid to support the Council if collaboration is needed and accepted.

All civil governors have reported that all is quiet in their respective provinces.

A cordon of soldiers has been thrown round Communist centres in Madrid to prevent unauthorised persons approaching or entering.

MADRID QUIET

The new Council has been favourably received in general by the population of Madrid.

The city is very quiet and though as a precaution, 6-inch light-guns and machine-guns have been strategically posted at street corners and troops are confined to barracks, there are no signs of revolt, disorder or disapproval of any kind. The public services are all normal.

People in Madrid are wondering what the next step will be, as the probabilities of bloodless termination of the Civil War are much less remote than when Dr. Negrin was ruling.

CABINET IN FRANCE

A telegram from Toulouse says that Dr. Negrin, the ex-Premier, and Senor Alvarez del Vayo, the ex-Foreign Minister, have arrived there on board a Spanish civil plane accompanied by their secretaries.

Later another plane arrived in Toulouse with the remaining principle members of the Republican Cabinet.—Reuter.

HINT OF AGREEMENT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A HINT OF APPROACHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH REPUBLICANS AND GENERAL FRANCO, WAS GIVEN BY SENOR BARRIO, SPEAKER OF THE SPANISH CORTES, WHO IS NOW IN FRANCE.

Senor Barrio said: "General Miaja is the man who can agree with General Franco in bringing peace back to Spain."

Referring to the new Defence Council, Senor Barrio said: "We are in complete agreement over desire to end the war."

CORTES STEP

He revealed that the permanent committee of the Cortes met three days ago and sent Premier Negrin a note saying it was prepared to collaborate with him on condition that he aimed at winding up the Civil War with the least possible damage and the fewest sacrifices.

Senor Barrio added: "Our attitude was quite clear, and possibly knowledge of this to Dr. Negrin resulted in the coup d'etat which will lead to peace."—Reuter.

ADEN GOVERNOR'S TOUR

London, To-day.

The Governor of Aden, Sir Bernard Reilly, left Aden yesterday on board the aircraft-carrier "Eagle" for a fortnight's tour of inspection along the coast of Hadhramaut, in South Arabia, which forms part of the protectorate, according to despatches received here.

It is added that a number of ports including Mokalla will be visited. Political circles here point out that this is the first time that the Chief Commissioner of Aden Protectorate has undertaken such an extensive tour and it is surmised that part of the credit of £600,000 recently granted by the British Government for fortifications at Aden will be affected to the defence of certain ports in Hadhramaut.—Trans-Ocean.

BELGIAN GENERAL ELECTION

Brussels, To-day.

King Leopold has signed a decree dissolving Parliament and holding a General Election on April 2.

It is announced that King Leopold has not accepted the resignation of the Pierlot Cabinet, which will therefore remain in office until the election.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRESS AND GOEBBELS

London, To-day.

The speech delivered by Dr. Goebbels at the opening of the Leipzig trade fair is prominently featured by the press. All papers publish long excerpts quoting those passages which contrasted Germany's lack of raw materials with Britain's abundance.

The impression prevails that these remarks are to be interpreted as a "bitter allusion" to the colonial question.

The "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Mail" refute Dr. Goebbels' arguments turning at the same time against the Italian publicist Gayda's allegation that the armament of the democracies had assumed a distinctly aggressive character.

The "Daily Mail" construes a contradiction between Dr. Goebbels' complaints that Germany's difficult economic situation is due to the domination of the raw material markets by the "have nations" and the statement that German trade

MR. CHAMBERLAIN EXPLAINS SPAIN TO COMMONS

London, To-day.

A statement on Britain's diplomatic relations with Spain was made in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Chamberlain said that recognition of the Spanish Government was withdrawn simultaneously with recognition of General Franco's administration as the Government of Spain.

Therefore there could not be any diplomatic representations between the British Government and the Republican administration in territory not at present under General Franco's control.

British consular officials would take such action as was appropriate for protection of British interests and for humanitarian reasons.—Reuter.

In reply to a supplementary question (says British Wireless), Mr. Chamberlain said that so far as the information of the British Government showed, the Republican Government was not in control of territory beyond Madrid.

RIOTING IN BENARES

Bombay, To-day.

New clashes between Hindus and Mohammedans are reported to have occurred in the holy city of Benares.

Thirty-five are dead and over 200 wounded.—Trans-Ocean.

and industry made a marked progress.—Trans-Ocean.

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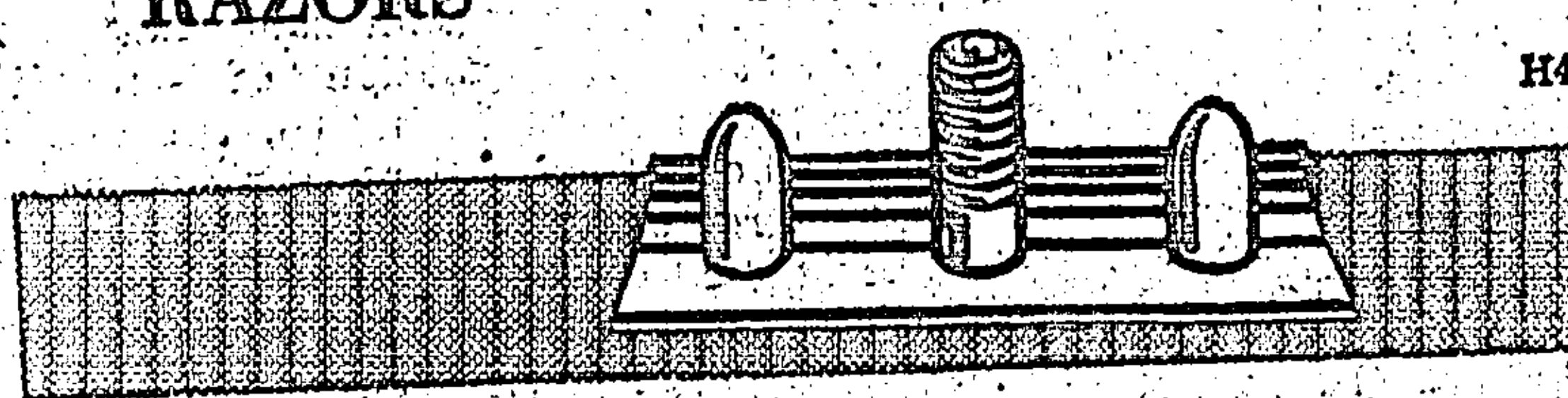
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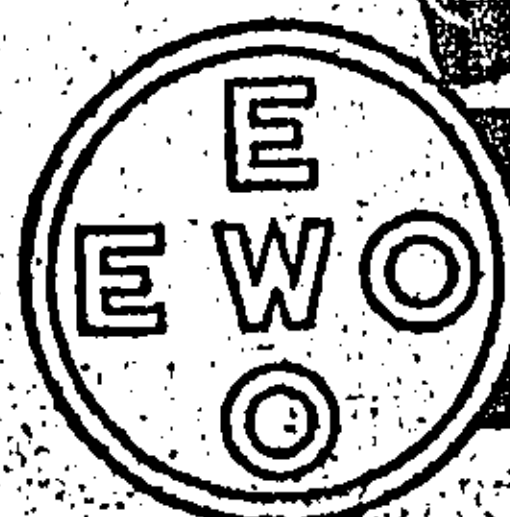
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

A Lot Of Kidding

USUALLY Eddie would stand for a cool off; which I did. Returning after a lot of kidding. This was different. I came upon Estelle in the upper hallway. This was serious. He didn't and Stan Burt. in the upper hallway, crack a smile when Stan Burt referred and, although I tried hard not to listen to Estelle Hampton as "Granny," ten Stan seemed to be indulging in it suddenly dawned on us that Eddie some of the idioms that had featured was in love. So we stopped kidding my own conversation with the girl. him, and held a council of war. Estelle, judging by her smile and manner, was not discouraging him. What something had to be done. We four ner, was not discouraging him. What had lived together since we landed in would have happened then I don't New York two years previous. It know, Eddie suddenly appeared out of wasn't that we had formed a pact nowhere and stood with clenched fists, against getting married, but there was glaring at Stan. an understanding that when one of us Stan, at least, had the good grace did show any of the well-known sympathy to be embarrassed. But not toms the other three would—well, sort Estelle. Estelle laughed a merry, of pass on the dame in question. taunting little laugh and went back into the living-room, leaving Eddie and Estelle Hampton was a hostess in a Stan alone. Eddie started toward downtown night spot. She was blonde Stan and there was blood in his eye. and blue-eyed and thirty-seven. Eddie Stan and there was blood in his eye. was twenty-six. He came from a good "Just a minute," I said, stepping forward. "Let's forego hostilities a minute. Some day he was going to ward. I have an idea. No, Eddie, don't inherit money. Maybe Estelle knew it. I have an idea. No, Eddie, don't about the money. Maybe not. Maybe hit him. You may regret it, even she really loved the kid. Anyway, we though you are justified. Here, come decided to take a hand. with me, you two. I've something to show you."

There wasn't much point in trying to argue Eddie out of it. The dope I don't mind telling you that as I led to argue Eddie out of it. The dope Stan and Eddie through the living-room was blind—blind to common sense, and to the den I was a bit worried. Every-mad about Estelle. thing depended on Jerry. If Jerry So we decided to hold a party. We hadn't come through, everything would fixed up the rooms and invited in some people we knew and a young married be lost. couple to lend dignity to the affair. Good old Jerry! There he was by and we invited Estelle. Now, neither the window in the den playing his part Stan Burt, nor Jerry Barber had ever like a major. Estelle was standing

By Meredith Scholl

seen Estelle. They had merely heard close, listening breathlessly while Jerry Eddie and me talk about her. I must poured into her shell-like ears the say they seemed impressed. They act words she loved to hear. ed as though I had been haywire in my We stopped and they turned, and we description. They didn't act at all as looked at each other. I said: "Nice you'd think two chaps who had spent going Jerry. She looks as though she time and effort to dissuade Eddie from believes you."

We all grinned. All but Eddie. Eddie looked mad and puzzled. So did Estelle, but presently colour mounted into her cheeks and her eyes flashed. "So!" she said. "That's how it is! A game, eh, boys! Why, you miserable little pups, if you think for a single second I believed any of your mush, you're crazy!" She laughed scornfully. "As for you, Eddie Jenkins, I've half a mind to slap your ears down!" Eddie's fur rose. He hadn't believed his lady-love capable of words like that. He looked at her and looked at us, and gradually he caught on. He started to say something, but we jumped on him and held him until Estelle got outside. Then we let him go. He carried on for awhile, but gradually his anger cooled and pretty soon he was grinning.

I didn't find Jerry until that dance was over and another had begun, and then I was too late. Jerry was dancing with Estelle and if Stan Burt had been enjoying himself, Jerry was on top of the world.

I decided to gratify a sudden curiosity about this girl who seemed to be giving Stan and Jerry such a fine time. I captured her for the next dance. It was the first time I had ever talked with her. I must say she had something. An electric quality. A definite—well, something that I don't care to attempt describing. Suffice it to say that when that dance ended I found myself standing quite alone with Estelle in the den, with the lights out, staring through a window that looked toward New York. And, though I can't remember clearly, I'm quite sure I was saying things that would sound silly if I wrote them down here. Estelle appeared to be enjoying my ardor. What would have happened is hard to tell. The door opened. Eddie came in, and I went out.

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JAPANESE DETENTION OF BRITISH OFFICER

ITALIAN OFFICER SHOT FOR ESPIONAGE

Rome, To-day.

The execution took place in the Fort Barvetta yesterday of Antonio Scarpa, an Italian naval officer. A special tribunal for defence of the State had found him guilty of betrayal of military secrets and had passed the death sentence upon him.

Scarpa, who was born in Trieste, had served in the Austro-Hungarian navy.

Of four other persons charged with the same offence two were sentenced to penal servitude for life and two to 30 years' imprisonment. — Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAK ACTION LESSENS TENSION WITH PRAGUE

Prague, To-day.

An important decision, with significant bearing on the future of the Czecho-Slovak State, was reached at a Council of Ministers held at Pressburg by the Slovak Government.

The decision reached maintains that the legal and constitutional position of the Slovak State is to be considered settled by the Slovak Autonomy Law established at the end of last year. The Slovak Government thereby recognises in principle the Czecho-Slovak-Ukrainian Federal State as established by the Autonomy Law.

Rumours current abroad that the Slovak Government was about to break the constitutional frame are declared to be devoid of any foundation. The Slovak Government is prepared to settle all outstanding questions regarding the relations between Prague and Pressburg by way of negotiations with the Central Government at Prague. — Trans-Ocean.

REFUGEE TALKS

London, To-day.

The acting director of the London refugees office, the American, Mr. Robert Pell, who last week visited Berlin for discussion of the Jewish emigration problem, will return shortly to Berlin.

On this occasion he will submit to the German Government a list of territories for settlement of Jews emigrating from Germany. — Trans-Ocean.

RACING DRIVER KILLED

Milan, To-day.

The 27-year-old Italian racing automobilist, Renzo Cantoni, was accidentally killed yesterday while carrying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track. — Trans-Ocean.

INDIGNATION IN SHANGHAI OVER LATEST INCIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.

After tension had relaxed following the agreement last week between the Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities, nervousness and considerable indignation is again being felt as a result of an incident last night in which a British police officer was arrested by the Japanese. The officer, Detective-Inspector Robertson, was held by the Japanese for four hours at the Yulin Road police station, in Yangtsepoo.

Detective-Inspector Robertson had intervened in the arrest of five Chinese by the Japanese navy.

The Chinese were taken to Yulin Road police station by a Japanese patrol.

Detective-Inspector Robertson, stating that the arrest was unwarranted, ordered their release.

HELD FOUR HOURS

The Japanese, not satisfied with this decision, are reported to have manhandled Inspector Robertson, who was then taken off to Japanese headquarters and detained.

He was held and questioned for four hours, being finally released on the intervention of the S.M.C.

Japanese and S.M.C. officials met late last night and conferred on the situation.

Meanwhile, a naval landing party force, consisting of about 190 men, surrounded the police station.

The Chinese was later handed over to the Japanese pending further negotiations for settlement of the incident. — Our Own Correspondent and Central News.

A later message from our Shanghai correspondent says that foreign circles have been disagreeably surprised by the incident, and comment unfavourably on this evidence of "co-operation" by the Japanese authorities.

RUMANIAN PREMIER PASSES

Cannes, To-day.

The Rumanian Priest-Premier, Patriarch Miron Christea, died of inflammation of the lungs here last night.

The Patriarch's condition had for some time been giving cause for anxiety. He had not completely recovered from a recent attack of bronchitis and also suffered from a weak heart. — Trans-Ocean.

CZECH MINISTER DISMISSED

Prague, To-day.

The President of Czecho-Slovakia has unexpectedly relieved the Carpatho-Ukrainian Minister, Julian Rebay, from his post.

He will be succeeded by the President of the Agricultural Board of Carpatho-Ukraine, M. Klocurak, whose appointment is expected to-day. — Trans-Ocean.

NO CHANGE IN BURGOS ATTITUDE

Burgos, To-day.

The events in Madrid are being followed here with close interest.

Of great importance, in view of the Madrid willingness to surrender if an equitable peace is arranged, is the Nationalist statement that General Franco's attitude remains unchanged.

The Nationalists reiterate that the first condition for granting of a truce is the laying down of arms by the Republican forces. — Trans-Ocean.

UNWHOLESOME POULTRY

A food dealer, Leung Ki, of No. 15, Wei Ching Street, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, charged with unlawful possession of 60 lbs. of unwholesome poultry. — Accused pleaded not guilty.

Sanitary Inspector Sinton, prosecuting, said that accused's premises was raided at 10 a.m. last Sunday morning, and 60 lbs. of unwholesome poultry, comprising chickens and ducks, were found in a very bad condition.

After evidence, accused was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour.

GENERAL NOGUES IN GABES

Tunis, To-day.

General Nogues, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in North Africa, arrived yesterday in Gabes, the capital of South Tunisia, on his tour of inspection.

Accompanied by General Blanc, the Commander-in-Chief of the French troops in Tunisia, he left Gabes yesterday afternoon for Mareth to inspect the Tunisian Maginot line after which he will visit the fortifications in South Tunisia, notably at Ben Gardane and Bouda. — Trans-Ocean.

TERROR IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Numerous incidents occurred in Palestine yesterday, the victims in most cases being Arabs.

Six Arabs were killed in an encounter between Arabs and the Irish Fusiliers, northwest of Galilee.

Two Arabs were shot dead by unidentified assailants in the Haifa business district.

A Municipal ambulance car was fired at while driving through the Arab district of Hafed and a Jewish medical officer was wounded.

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The British Military Court at Jerusalem sentenced one Arab to death. — Trans-Ocean.



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SPANISH WAKE

The flight of Dr. Negrin from Madrid in consequence of seizure of control by the 'National Defence Council' and the abortive but significant insurrection at Cartagena mark the rapidity of disintegration of Republican resistance in Spain. Opposition has, for all practical purposes, been futile stubbornness since the overrunning of Catalonia and the main issue is no longer the result of the conflict in Spain, but its effect upon the international situation.

Signs are not wanting that a new crisis in the Mediterranean is threatening, which may or may not equal that of September last year. Happily, there are other signs, too. Added up they suggest that whatever the proportions the crisis may assume, it is likely to be resolved in more equal terms than those which emerged from Munich.

The French Prime Minister could hardly have called attention to the navies of Britain and France as a key to solution of the Czechoslovakian crisis, as he recently called attention to the presence in Mediterranean waters of a large concentration of fighting ships of both nations.

Nor could British spokesmen have based their statements in September—as Sir Samuel Hoare now can—on so solid a public opinion as has been manifested in Britain on the question of colonies. There were influential Britons who apparently felt—and important mouthpieces of their opinions which prematurely hinted at—the acceptability of a drastic solution of the Czech-German dispute.

And even as to the outcome of the war in Spain, British opinion, though numerically strong in favour of the Loyalists, had yet powerful sections which at the outset made no secret of their belief that an Insurgent victory might be safer for their own interests. It was not a Franco triumph to which they would object, and their only objections to Italian aid for him arose from the possibility of Mussolini's exploiting his Spanish relationship to the detriment of Britain's strategic position in the Mediterranean.

Moreover, Munich confirmed a fact which had been earlier recognized, that for Britain the question of a Continental balance of power had become less urgent than that of world balance. Realization in the United States that colonial "redistribution" would have real significance in common

tion with American territorial defence and that the first line of American defence of the moral values it cherishes may have to be held by Britain and France, has made it possible for the French and British Governments to count heavily on a more comfortable partner than Soviet Russia.

Announcement of United States Government co-operation in helping France to repair its aviation deficiencies is only the one sign among many that a world balance of power against totalitarianism has become virtually a fact. Thus British and French warnings to the dictatorships have a more substantial background than those issued prior to the Czechoslovakian tragedy.

Should Italian troops remain in Spain and Spain become the jumping-off ground for an axis campaign against French possessions in Africa, a colonial issue might easily be opened which would involve vital interests for two great empires and, less directly, important interests of a third great economic Power.

For The Future Citizen

In these days of rapid social change, methods of education need to be constantly thought out afresh and revised to suit new conditions. The future citizen is being made in the schools. Education has its valuable traditions; but it may be too much hampered by tradition, too resistant to what is new and progressive.

Some thirteen years ago the Consultative Committee of the British Board of Education produced the famous "Hadow Report" dealing with the later stages of elementary education. Now the same body, under the chairmanship of Mr. Will Spens, has produced an equally authoritative report on secondary education, which is likely to have a profound influence on the schooling of boys and girls in England and Wales.

The Spens Report states that "the arrangements for the whole-time education of boys and girls above the age of eleven in England and Wales have ceased to correspond with the actual structure of modern society and with the economic facts." What happens at present is that the cleverest children in the English elementary schools pass on to the secondary (grammar) schools; and the curriculum is too much governed by the Universities which most of the children never reach. Other children go to technical schools which prepare them for special occupations in industry. The secondary schools are deficient in preparing boys and girls for self-support, the technical in training their general intelligence.

The present system tends to the over-production of "intellectuals" for whom there are not enough available jobs; and an under-production of highly intelligent boys and girls specially prepared to enter industry.

The Committee recommends a drastic re-organization. On the technical side it proposes the formation of a new type of school for children between eleven and sixteen, preparing them for an industrial career, but without neglecting their general education. For the grammar schools it proposes a revised curriculum, which will give no less consideration to the boy who has to leave at sixteen than to the boy who is going to a university. The Committee envisages a less academic, and more general, and more generally useful education.

RETALIATION IN FAR EAST SUGGESTION

ACTION AND NOT CONSIDERATION

London, To-day.

A suggestion that Britain take retaliatory action by refusing entry to British ports of North China goods unless financed by a British, American or French bank, was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative member for Preston.

Mr. Moreing asked Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Foreign Secretary, whether attention had been drawn to the official announcement that after March 10 all business transactions in North China must be financed in Federal Reserve banknotes.

Mr. Moreing also asked whether in order to counteract this discrimination, he would take steps to prohibit all exports from North China into British and Crown Colony ports unless accompanied by a consular certificate that they had been financed through a British, American or French bank.

Mr. Butler said the Foreign Secretary had been informed of the announcement.

As regards the second part of the question the Government would consider all practical measures for defence of British interests involved.

Mr. Moreing: It is not consideration but action that is

wanted.

Mr. Butler: I would certainly not minimise the need for taking any action which might be necessary.

PEARL RIVER

Representations had been made, as he had stated on February 13, said Mr. Butler to the Japanese Government about closure of the

NO LOAN FOR FRANCO AT PRESENT

London, To-day.

No negotiations are at present in prospect regarding a British loan to General Franco.

This statement was made in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.—Reuter.

Pearl River. Mr. Butler was replying to Sir Percy Harris (Liberal).

No representations had been made about the Japanese occupation of the Canton delta.

The Foreign Secretary was being kept fully informed of the views of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and was fully aware of the effect on British interests generally of maintenance of the present restrictions.

The Government would continue, through the Ambassador in Tokyo and through the local authorities in Canton and Hong Kong, to press for early resumption of traffic.

Sir Percy Harris: Does Mr. Butler appreciate the urgency of the matter and the effect it is having on Lancashire?

Mr. Butler: Yes. That is why I said we will be continuing to press for early resumption of traffic.

COLONIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the recent visit of Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin, of the Foreign Office, to Berlin, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said he went to renew personal contacts with German officials and to exchange views with them on the general economic situation.

No proposals relating to the former German colonies or limitation of armaments, were discussed.—Reuter.

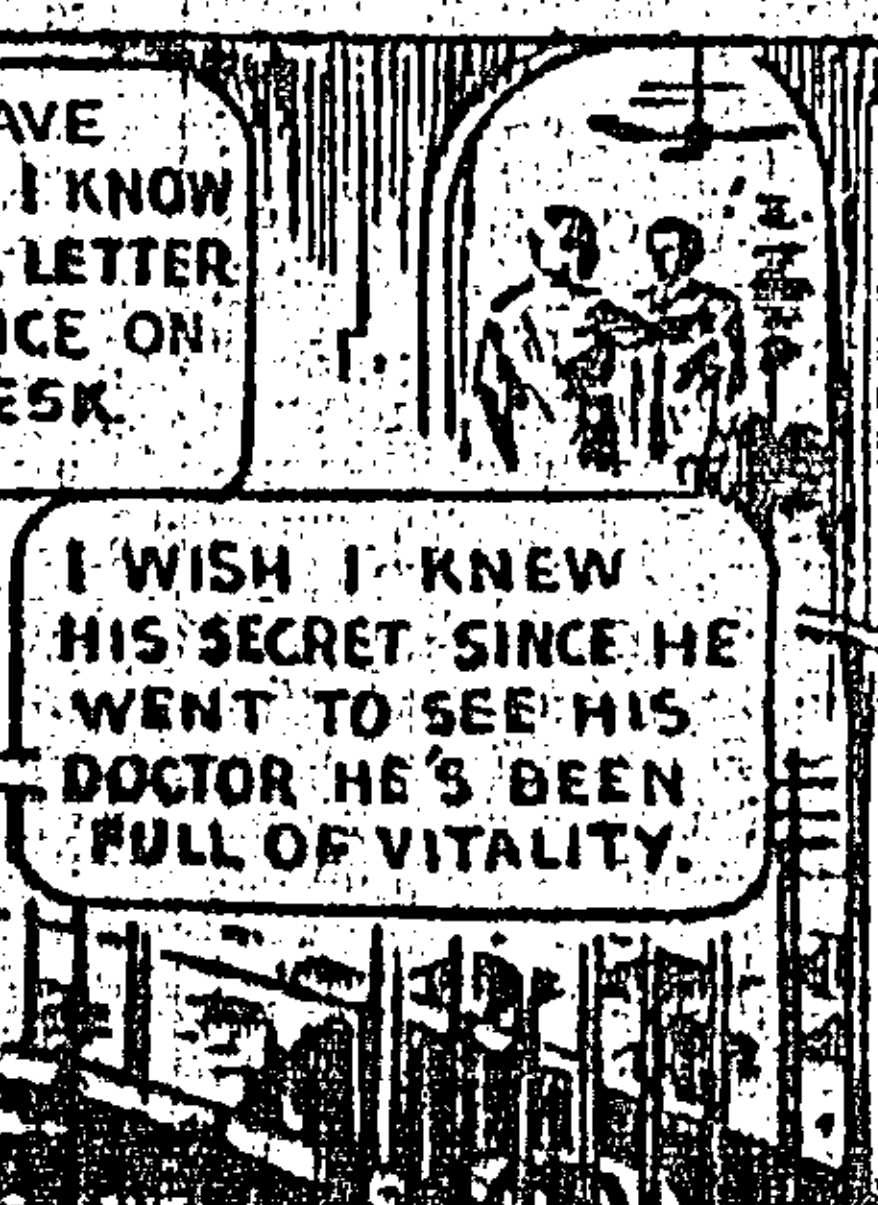
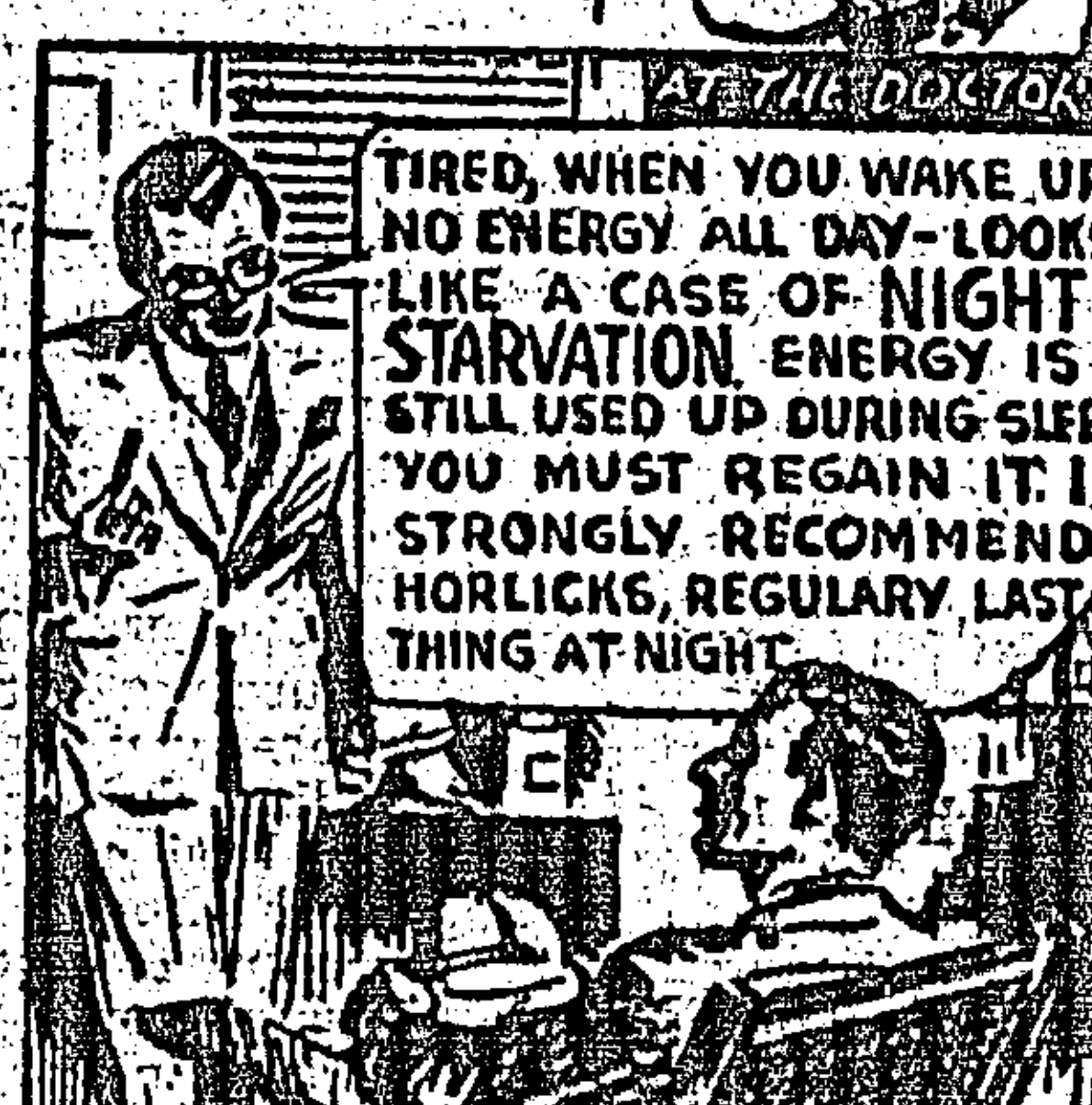
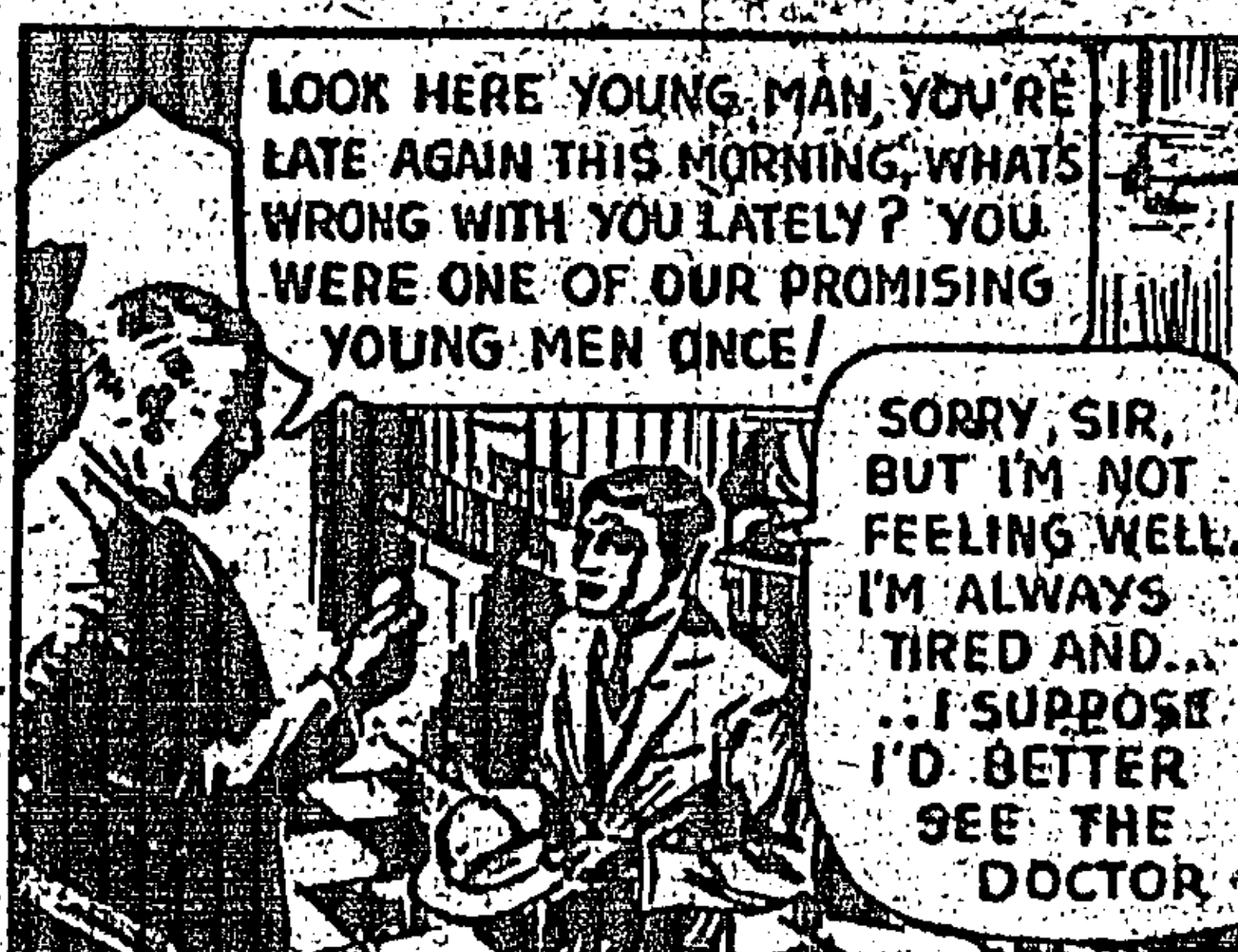
ICHANG DANGER

Commander A. Marsden (Conservative) asked whether a British Consul was at present at Ichang, and if not, would the British Government send one immediately for maintenance of British rights in view of the Japanese drive on Ichang.

Mr. Butler replied there was no Consul there but a British gunboat was at present in the port and the commanding officer could be relied upon to take the necessary measures for protection of British life and property.

Nevertheless should circumstances appear to demand the presence of a consular officer, one could be sent at short notice from Chungking.—Reuter.

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WAS HIS OWN POST OFFICE

Lam Tai, a 24-year-old cook, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of 41 letters which he intended to deliver to Nam Hoi district personally instead of through the Post Office.

Detective-Sergeant Allen said that defendant was searched by a constable at Po Tak wharf and the letters found on him.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said the Post Office was not making deliveries to the district. He was fined \$6.

HUMIDITY 97 PER CENT.

Humidity in Hong Kong at 10 o'clock this morning was 97 per cent, reports the Royal Observatory.

A weak anticyclone has formed over Central China. Depressions are situated over the Sea of Japan and to the south of Japan, and both are moving north-eastward. The depression over Indo-China and Siam is stationary.

Local forecast:—North-East and East winds, moderate; overcast, misty, some drizzle or light rain.

CHARITY RACKET ALLEGED

For having collected money for a charitable purpose but having neglected to get written permission from the Commissioner of Police, Pau Yam Ting, alias Pau Shiu Hong, 39, unemployed broker, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth.

It was alleged by the prosecution that he had collected money for a purpose which he said was charitable from the S. S. Tai Sang on January 22. He was allowed bail of \$500, while his case was remanded one week for further hearing.

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DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE CITY BLOCK: LAND INVESTMENT CO. MEETING

THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF A MOST VALUABLE AREA EXTENDING FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, IN QUEEN'S ROAD, TO OLD POWELL'S BUILDING IN DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, WAS MENTIONED AT THE 50TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT CO., HELD THIS MORNING IN THE BOARD ROOM OF MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHE-SON AND CO.

On the company's 50th anniversary, the Chairman took the opportunity of reviewing briefly the history of the company and later expressed the regret of the Board on the retirement through ill-health of Sir Robert Ho Tung, who had been a director for nearly a quarter of a century.

The chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson said:

With your permission I propose following the usual procedure, taking the Report and Statement of Accounts as read.

You will have noticed that you have before you the 50th Report, the occasion provides me with an excuse to give you a little of the Company's early history.

The growth and progress of the Land Company has been associated closely with the development of this Colony. It was incorporated in March 1889 with a capital of \$2,500,000, today this has been increased to \$10,000,000 of which \$7,500,000 have been issued, we have a sum of over \$15,000,000 invested in property.

A LONG WAY

In the early days your Company's fortunes were bound up intimately with those of Sir Paul Chater and Jardines, its sponsors were the originators of the Praya Reclamation scheme in 1887 that gave to the Colony a large area of land and upon this land now stand Prince's, Queen's, King's, York, Chung Tin and Alexandra buildings—all owned by your Company.

With these properties and with the addition of the Gloucester, Powell's, Mercantile Bank buildings, Marina House and Holland House the picture of your Central District holdings is complete. We have travelled a long way since 1889.

Before passing on to the Accounts there is one other matter about which I want to talk.

Your Board was extremely sorry to receive on the 3rd January this year a letter from Sir Robert Ho Tung in which he resigned from his directorship for reasons of health. Sir Robert was invited to join your Board on the 18th February, 1913, so you will see that his invaluable services have been given for over a quarter of a century and I can assure you that his experience and wise counsel will be sadly missed. We all wish Sir Robert an early return to health. In his place we welcome Mr. M. K. Lo.

VALUABLE AREA

Turning to the accounts the figures before you reflect twelve months trading during which the demand for both business and living quarters has taxed supply to the utmost. The amount at the credit of Profit and Loss Account is just over \$240,000 more than for 1937.

In my speech last year I referred to the necessity for redeveloping M.L. 278 (1A Chater Road and 2 Connaught Road) and M.L. 2c (12 and 12A Des Voeux Road Central). So far no move has been made with either of these properties but your Board hopes to take early action with the latter thanks to the recent purchase of M.L. 2 Section B (13 and 13A Queen's Road Central). By acquiring this site your Company now owns a most valuable area extending through from Des Voeux Road Central to Queen's Road Central, a channel through the heart of the business and shopping district.

There is one small land sale to record, that of the western half of T. L. 2821 (Praya East Reclamation, vacant land) which was made at a satisfactory price and in passing I mention that the remaining portion was disposed of equally attractively during January this year. As usual the profit has been transferred to General Reserve Account.

SHORT TERM LEASES
In Profit and Loss Appropriation Account you will see that a final dividend of \$1.25 per share is proposed which with the interim dividend makes

a total of \$2.50 per share for 1938—50 cents better than 1937.

Taking advantage of the exceptional profit shown by the Working Account of the Gloucester Hotel it is proposed to appropriate once more the sum of \$50,000 to write down furnishing, fittings and fixtures. You can be certain that these assets now stand at a very conservative figure which of course is where such rather transitory things should stand.

An item that appears for the first time is \$29,400, required to write down gradually those properties which are held from Government under either 75 or 99 years leases and not under 999 years such as exists with your central properties which can run on as now for the next seven centuries or so. The scale of appropriation has been worked out to bring the book values to nil coincidental with the expiry of the leases. I think people in this Colony are apt to forget that Government as trustees for the Colony, owns all land, we lease and develop it. The renewal of these short term leases is being discussed now.

CARRY FORWARD

You will notice that the proposed carry forward is greater this year by \$68,703.38, in support of this your Board desires to point out experience in lean years shows only too clearly how imperative it is for any land concern to nurse tenants over periods of bad trading and to take a sympathetic attitude about rentals. It never pays to destroy good tenants. The carry forward is available for any allocation which later may seem to be sound.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo was confirmed as a director on the motion of Mr. H. W. Dullea, seconded by Mr. J. Gardner.

On the motion of Mr. B. C. Field, supported by Mr. D. F. Landale, Messrs. A. H. Compton and T. E. Pearce were re-elected to the Board, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. D. L. Newbiggin, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

The following attended: The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. Felix A. Joseph, Mr. A. Raymond, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. S. T. Williamson and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (directors) Mr. O. Eager (secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, H. W. Dullea, J. Gardner, B. C. Field, D. F. Landale, D. L. Newbiggin, A. R. J. White, P. Morrison, Kwok Hin-wang, R. M. G. Silva, A. S. Gomes, F. C. Hall and C. Murdoch.

HEROIN PILLS IN FALSE BOTTOM

A clever trick by which a 20-year-old Chinese woman hoped to fool the Revenue Officers, was disclosed this morning at the Kowloon Court before Mr. E. Himsworth, when the woman was charged with having heroin pills in her possession.

It was stated by Revenue Officer Aherno, prosecuting, that the accused had, on March 3, tried to evade revenue men, by concealing 4,987 heroin pills in the false bottom of a rattan basket, but a Chinese R. O. noticed something suspicious about her actions and searched the basket with the ultimate discovery of the concealed goods. The woman had been about to board No. 9 bus at the junction of Castle Peak Road and Tai Po Road.

Mr. E. Himsworth fined her \$2,500 or nine months.

NEW SUGGESTION IN CHINA UNDERWRITERS CASE

AN ENTIRELY NEW SUGGESTION EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENCE OF THE PRICE OF AWABI IN THE STATEMENT OF CLAIM WAS PUT FORWARD BY MR. WONG YUN-TONG, PROPRIETOR OF THE CHEONG SHING HONG FIRM, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING WHEN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, FOR \$30,906.23 BY THE CHEONG SHING HONG FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE TO GOODS BY FIRE, WERE RESUMED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

Referring to the sales book, witness stated that awabi was sold at \$12.80 per case because each case contained some swollen tins and, therefore, he had to reduce the price for the customers, who ordered the goods.

Mr. D'Almada pointed out to witness that he had sufficient goods in the godown to fulfil the orders, and asked why he did not sell the good cases of awabi to customers at the market price of \$22.50 per case and make more profit. Witness replied that when the consignment arrived it was discovered that there were only 20 cases of heavier tins of awabi which the customers ordered. He therefore put aside the 20 cases of heavier tins which were insufficient to fulfil the orders and sold cases of smaller tins, which included swollen tins, to the customers at reduced price of \$12.80 per case.

NEW SUGGESTION

Asked to explain why, as a businessman, he kept back the 20 cases of heavier tins of awabi and did not let the customers have them, witness replied that he could not explain, as the transaction was done through one of the foks who would have to explain.

Mr. D'Almada reminded witness that he had been given a chance previously to consult the foks and on his return witness did not make the slightest suggestion of certain cases of awabi containing heavier tins. Counsel remarked that this suggestion regarding the weight of tins was completely a new suggestion.

The defence alleges that alterations to prices in plaintiff firm's books were fraudulent and were made to collect more money on the insurance policies than was legally due.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. The defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton of Deacons.

The case is proceeding.

FEMALE GAMBLING SCHOOL IN KOWLOON

A women's gambling school was discovered by the Kowloon Police at No. 32, Un Chau Street last night, when 19 women were arrested.

The raid was carried out at 8.30 p.m. under sub-inspector C. T. Byron while the women were playing the dice game.

Their ages ranged from 28 to 50 years and among them almost half were widows.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, the women, including the keeper, Wong Sam-koo, 40, widow, were charged with keeping or with gambling on the premises.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on the keeper and the gamblers were each fined \$2, while 12 gamblers, who failed to answer their charges had their bail of \$3 each forfeited.

The table money, \$9.40, was donated to the Poor Box.

News Snack Bar

HOW NOT TO PAY INCOME TAX

An "easy way" of squaring-up income tax was revealed at the Mansion House Police Court recently. The Lord Mayor had issued commitment warrants against 20 income tax defaulters, the terms imposed varying from the legal minimum of 5 to the maximum of 42 days.

"When a person goes to prison for defaulting," asked the Lord Mayor of the collector, Mr. V. M. Bailie, "does that wash the thing out altogether?" ... Just the question everyone else in court wanted to ask.

BOUGHT PICTURES FOR 8s. MAY BE WORTH £40,000

In a little village sale-room at Pickering, North Yorkshire, two musty old oil paintings were sold for 8s. Yesterday their purchaser, Mr. Patrick Sharmain, thirty-five, told how he had the picture insured for £1,000.

Then Lloyd's, who had them examined by an expert, issued a certificate that one of the paintings was a genuine Van Dyck, and they were prepared to insure them for £40,000. The other was said to be a Gainsborough.

"It cost me \$30 to have them cleaned and restored, but when they are sold I hope to be rich for life," he said to the Official Receiver at Middlesbrough Bankruptcy Court.

"I believe," said Mr. Bailie, "that legally we can summon him for the same amount again, but in practice, when once a man has served a term of imprisonment that finishes it."

"In my experience about one in a hundred defaulters go to gaol. The usual trick of the habitual defaulter is to wait right up to the moment of arrest and then pay."

"I have noticed, however, that if a man once goes to prison he doesn't mind going back another time. He has a few days of quiet and comfort there."

SWEPT THROUGH 2FT. DRAIN

Playing with other children, Pamela Dadd, aged five, fell into a mill pond at Abergavenny. Force of the water carried her through a hundred-yard long pipe, two feet in diameter.



When in port ships of the Royal Navy often have an huge awning rigged up on dock. This has to be furled when a ship sets out to sea and it requires many "hands" to accomplish the task. Photo shows the awning nicely furled being taken below resembles a huge snake.

MONEY—BUT NOT TO SPEND

Pockets full of money, yet none to spend. That was the plight in which many men from the cruiser Achilles found themselves on their first night ashore at Portsmouth after an absence of three years in New Zealand waters.

During their commission they had been paid in New Zealand currency. But in December New Zealand prohibited the export of currency, so when the sailors tried to change their notes no one would accept them.

Through the head office of a local bank, however, the intervention of the High Commissioner for New Zealand was sought. Sailors were able to convert their New Zealand money ... and celebrate.

REICHSTAG TO BE REBUILT

The old Reichstag building (Germany's Parliament when she had one), scene of the historic fire on February 23, 1933, is to be reconstructed ... and used again for its original purpose. This has become necessary as the Kroll Opera House, where the Reichstag now meets on rare occasions, is to be pulled down to make way for improvements in the German capital. The new Reichstag will seat 800 deputies.

HOW THE CRISIS MOVED MONEY

The U.S. Treasury was disclosed that European and other foreign investors sent \$43,846,000 to the United States in the weeks following the Munich agreement.

Britain sent \$19,400,000 and Canada \$7,600,000. During the four weeks following September 29 last year, foreign funds amounting to \$31,000,000 were deposited in American banks, \$11,400,000 was invested in securities, and \$2,600,000 used to buy foreign securities available on the U.S. market.

£1,000 FINE ON BRITISH

TRAWLER

The Supreme Court at Reykjavik, Iceland, has confirmed the fine of £1,000 imposed by a lower court there last October on the master of the Hull trawler Fleming (356 tons), who was charged with illegal fishing.



The second of the two six-foot high statues for the entrance to Huddersfield's new \$100,000 public library and art gallery is nearing completion. The 6ft high figures, a male representing literature and a female representing painting, sculpture and architecture, are being executed by Mr. James Woodford, A.R.A., in local stone. The female figure is finished and the male is nearly finished. It will be remembered that the statues were the subject of lively controversy, were criticised as being ugly, and were approved by only one vote. Photo shows Mr. Woodford at work on the six foot figure, a male representing literature, at his Huddersfield studio.

NOT TO BE "RIGHT HONOURABLE"

Cardiff's Lord Mayor is not to be "the Right Honourable."

Replying to Captain Arthur Evans, the Home Secretary states in a written answer that he would not be justified consistently with established practice in recommending the King to grant the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, "as the largest city and virtual capital of Wales," the title of "Right Honourable."

At present the Chairman of the L.C.C. the Lord Mayors of London, Adelaide, Belfast, Brisbane, Dublin, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth (W. Australia), Sydney and York, and the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Aberdeen are addressed as the "Right Honourable." So are all members of the Privy Council (which includes all Cabinet Ministers).

FRENCH UNEMPLOYED FIGURES RISE

There were 415,987 unemployed in France during the week ending January 28. This compares with 412,888 the preceding week and 408,873 in the corresponding week of last year.

"Perhaps I'm hard
to please . . .

When I was younger

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or
smoked. But nowadays I take my pleas-
ures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you
would call me faddy. I hate to be put off with second-
best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless
it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.

You see what I mean about whisky.

While I can obtain a whisky as soft
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BRITISH REARMAME Precision Instruments And Range-Finders

Is the Government purchasing precision instru-
ments for aircraft and rangefinders for guns from
Germany? That is as good as admitted in Gov-
ernment circles.

Sir Thomas Inskip has written to a correspon-
dent stating that in a vital field of rearmament Bri-
tish industry has been unable to rise to the occasion.

His letter says: "Undoubtedly the
position is that there is a difficulty
in obtaining all the instruments we
require, due, as you say, to the lack
in this country of craftsmen-
mechanics scientifically trained and
skilled in the production and use of
instruments of the precision type."

In Germany, on the other hand,
it is claimed that the photographic
industry has been systematically fos-
tered by the Reich as an essential
war industry.

Germany has built up a world
export trade in high-precision
photographic and optical instru-
ments.

The German camera that long ago
swamped the markets in England
and in America is characterised by
its coupled range-finder, its trigger
release, and its high precision. The
industry that has grown up round
this and similar exports is a shadow
industry for war.

WAR FOOTING

It is believed that it has now
been placed on a war footing. Sup-
plies of German optical instrument
and camera exports are no longer
available in quantity. Their fac-
tories have been turned over to war
production.

In trade circles they tell of "the
appalling shortage of instruments"
in England. It was urged that Gov-
ernment action is necessary to re-
store a vital industry.

High-precision work of this kind
is done in Britain by many firms—
Hollywood, for instance, gets some
of its best camera lenses here. But
the output of these firms is so small
as to be virtually negligible for
rearmament purposes.

About two years ago a British
company set out to put a miniature
this market in Britain that manu-

ICE GIRL ON £166 A DAY TRIP

The Normandie has left New
York on the most luxurious cruise
ever planned. There are 743 pas-
sengers. All are wealthy; most of
them are millionaires. They have
paid £200,000 in passage money.

When the ship reaches Nassau in
the Bahamas, Sonja Henie, the
skating film star, will come aboard
with her party. She has booked a
suite that cost \$1,500.

Sonja has six guests, including
her mother and brother and two
servants. Their fares cost Sonja
£1,800—and her £3,300 bill does not
include special entertaining.

The Normandie is bound for South
America and the West Indies and
the £200,000 cruise will last only
twenty-four days.

In that time gallons of champagne
and expensive wines will be con-
sumed; rare food cooked by the
most famous chefs afloat will be
served. For the number of million-
aires is the largest that has ever
filled a passenger list.

Sonja Henie can afford to eat,
drink and make merry on the mil-
lionaire standard. At twenty-six,
she has an income of £1,000 a week.
Her recent "personal appearance"
tour of U.S.A. brought her in £80,-
000.

During that tour her hosiery bill
was \$500. While she skates she
wears silk tights that cost £7 a pair
—and she changes five times a day.

The cruise will cost Sonja about
£166 a day, which is not much more
than she earns everyday.

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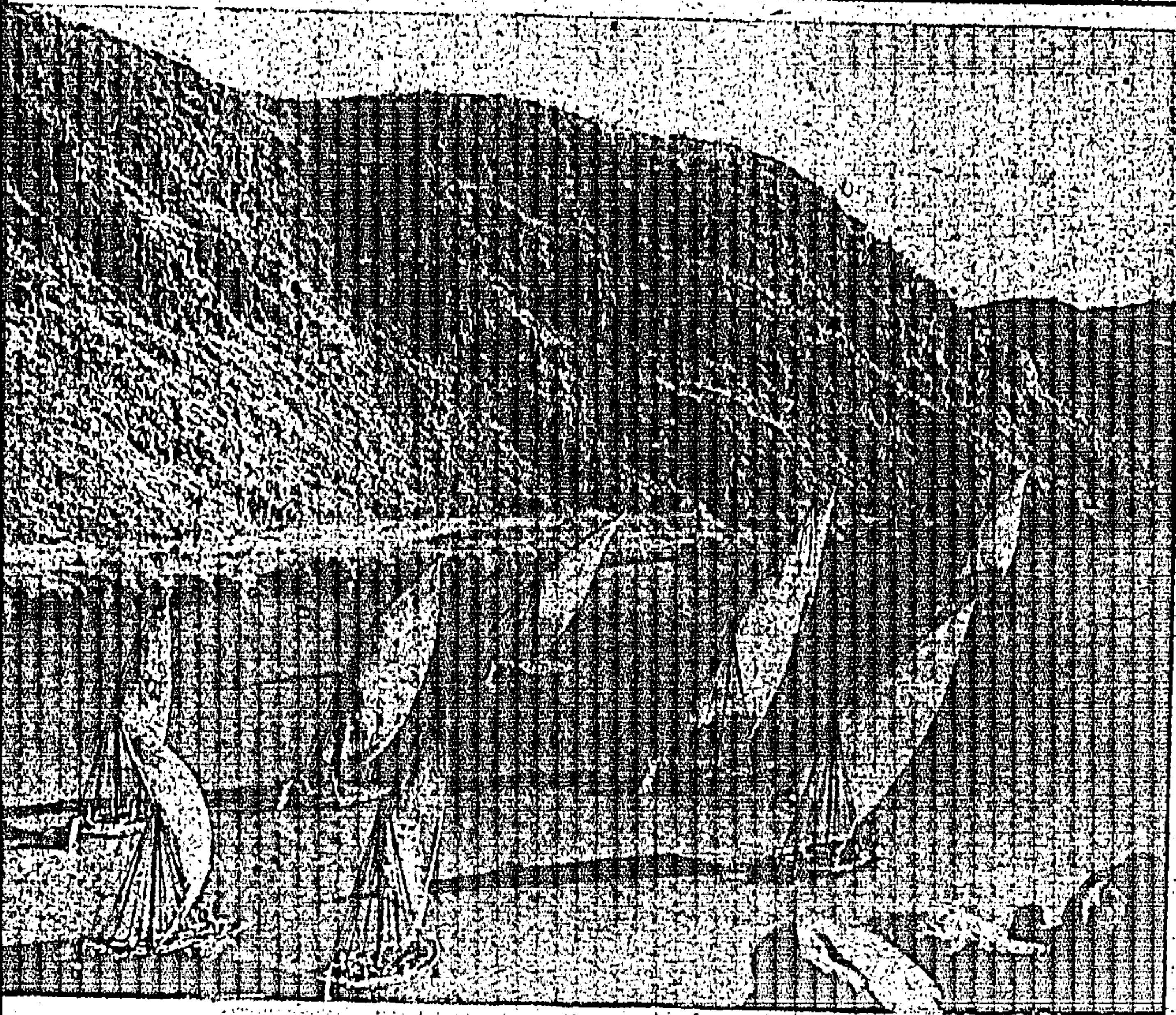
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Bringing Up Father



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THE NILE.—These old sailing ships on the River Nile, specially to make a film shot for "The Four Feathers." Graham went to the Sudan on location in order to command the film. The ships make a striking camera

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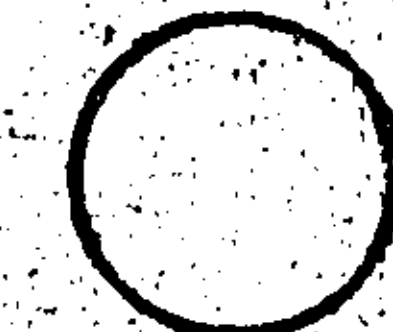
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WHEN YOU DIG IT UP IT IS **RECOVERED**



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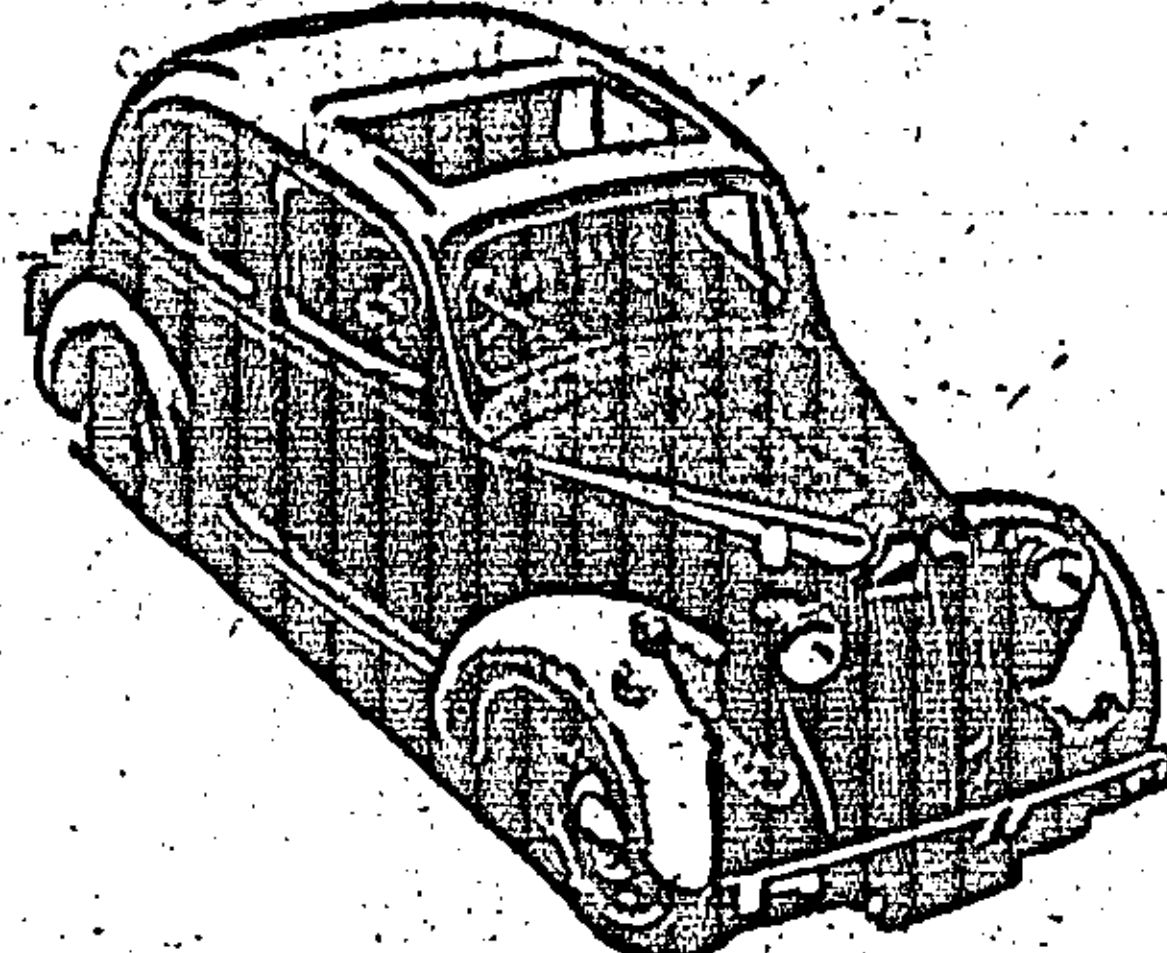
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DOROTHY DEARING with an inverted triangular face accents her high cheek bones and cupid's bow.

Is Your Face Triangular? Then Apply Make-Up This Way

Much has been written about the oval face, the round and the square, but it takes one of the leading make-up men of Hollywood, Clay Campbell, to draw our attention to the girl with the triangular face!

There are two types of triangular faces. One has a high broad forehead, high cheek bones and narrow chinline. The other has a lower hairline and narrower forehead, full round cheeks and a prominent chinline.

Both of these types have their problems of make-up. The girl with the broad brow needs to balance the lower part of her face, and the girl

with a prominent chinline desires to make it less apparent.

ROUGE PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE

According to Mr. Campbell the camouflaging is not done with mirrors but with rouge! For, claims he, the beauty of any woman's face is accentuated by the artful application of cheek and lip colouring!

As you may see in the illustration, he suggests that the girl with prominent cheek bones should place her rouge in a swooping letter "S"

Smart For Spring

The bolero figures importantly in reports of advance fashions. This short, tailored sleeveless type will be particularly good; it's so becoming, and when it stops short just above a doll-waist, as in this design it makes you look even slimmer around the middle. The dress is simplicity itself, and very charming. Dated in to a tiny waistline, it has wide-shouldered sleeves and a scalloped closing—just enough detailing to make it youthful and smart.



—starting close to her ear and blending the colour out over her cheek bone and down with a curve to the chin line. Her Cupid's bow should be drawn fuller than the natural line.

To soften the heavy line of full cheeks and chin, you place the cheek colouring in a triangle, starting far back at the end of the eyebrow and ending at the cushion of the chin. The rouge should be kept back on the outer part of the cheek. Lips must be made up full and broad. Thus half of the full cheeks and jaw remain in shadow while the rest of the face is highlighted with powder.

SELECTION AND BLENDING OF COLOUR

Quite naturally you must select a rouge colouring which is flattering to your skin tone and not so vivid that the eye travels to it before the rest of your face.

Women frequently make the mistake of wearing the wrong shade of rouge which gives them a "painted appearance." Select your cheek colouring patiently. Test the opened samples on the cosmetic counter on your face, and if it is possible walk to the day-light before deciding on the colour.

Powder rouges are much more

easy to apply if you are not adept in putting on make-up. It should be powdered on after the first application of powder, and covered softly with a second application of powder. Even then a little blending with your finger tips helps to give a softer more natural appearance to the colour.

Cream rouge must be applied before powder and to make it smooth more nicely, first dip your finger tip in a bit of cold cream then on the rouge cake. Be sure the line is not harsh and that the colour is put on evenly and blended to almost no colour far back on your cheek.

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The bodice, softly full, with puff sleeves, has a plain v-neckline that you can vary, with necklaces, flow-

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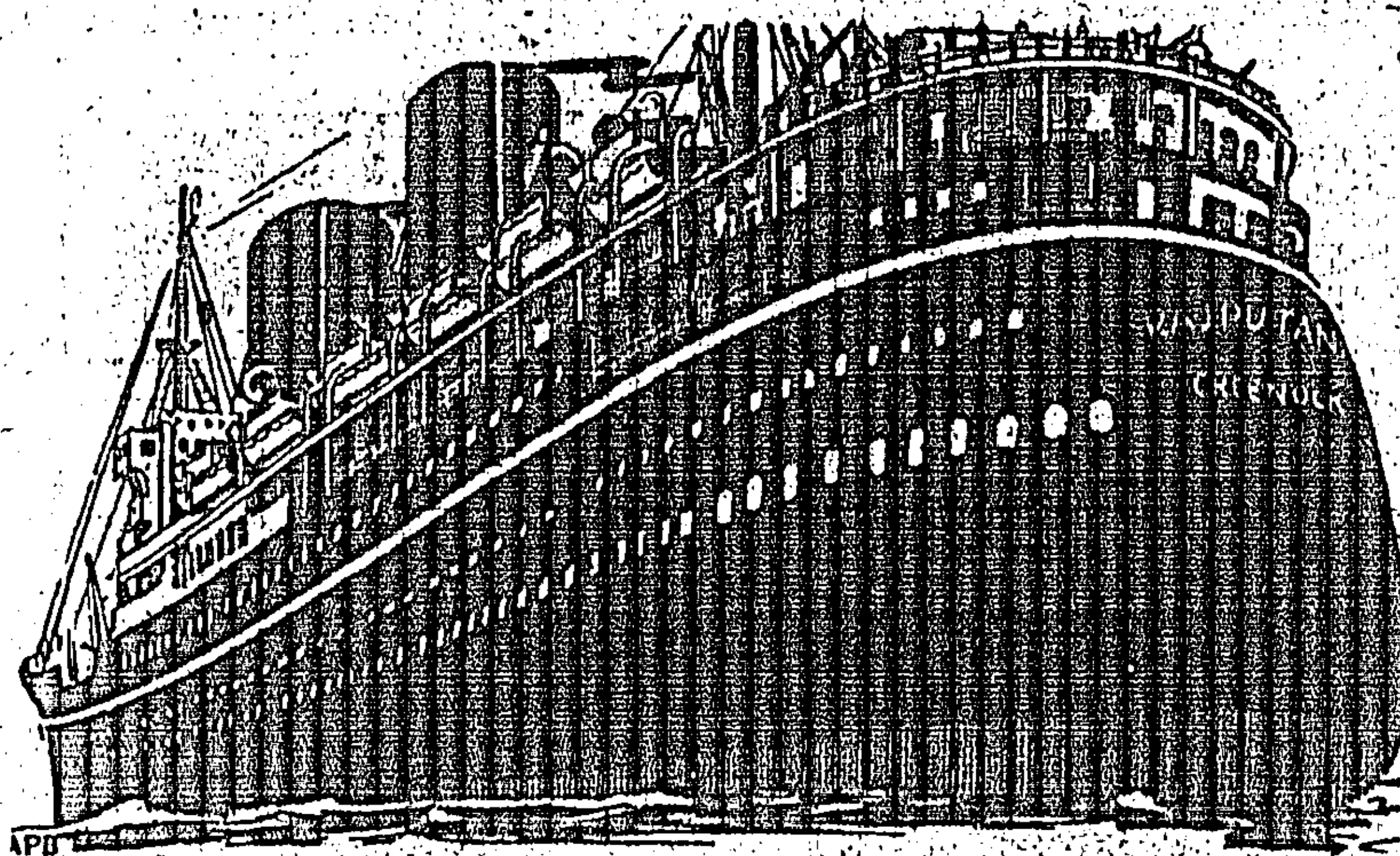
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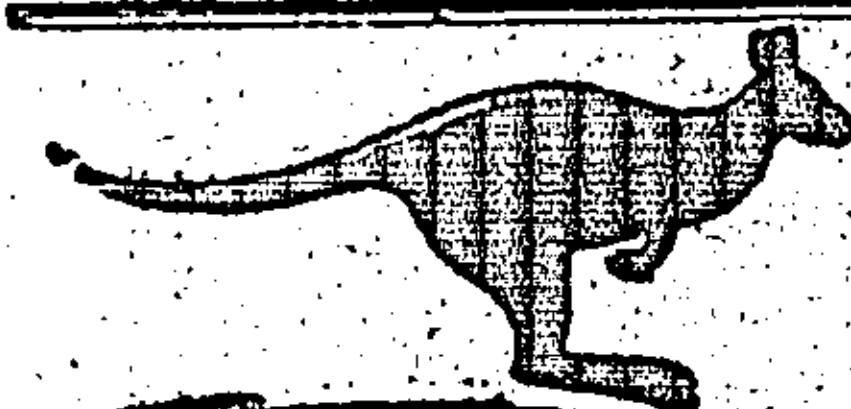
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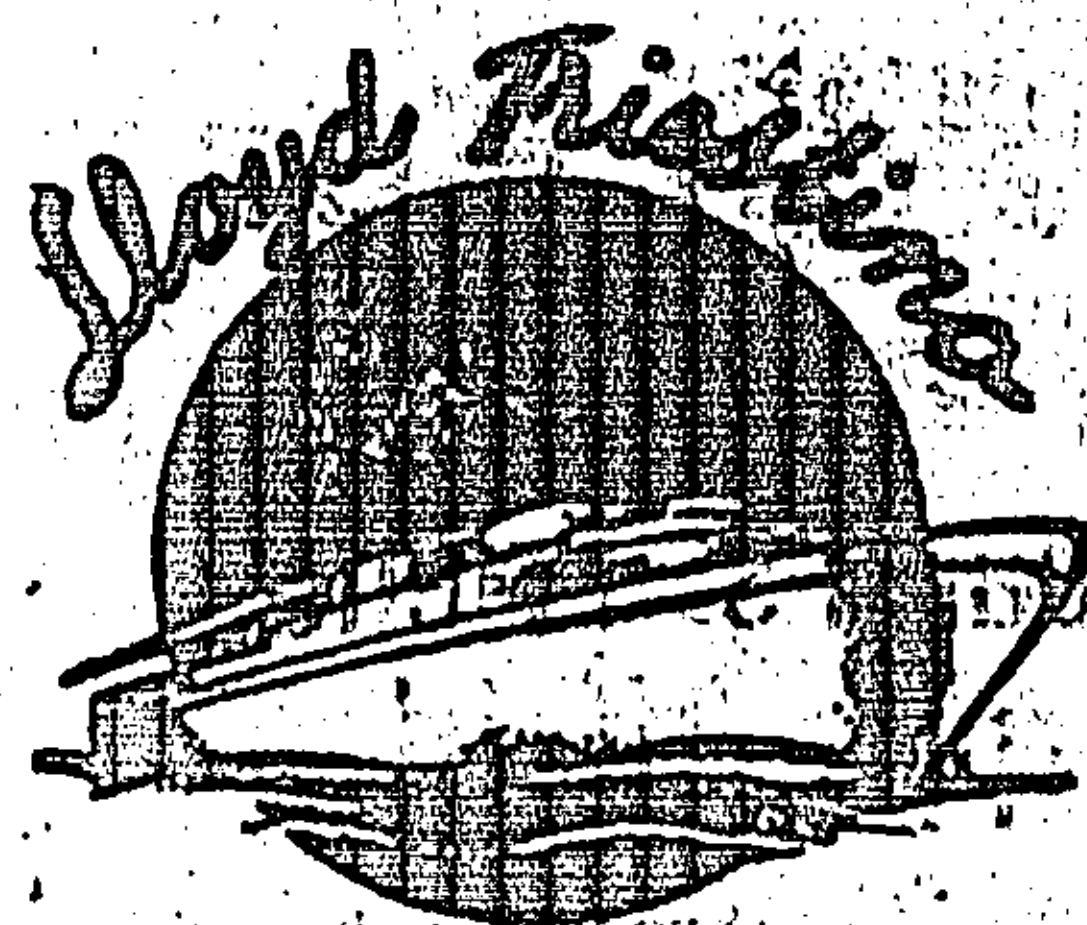
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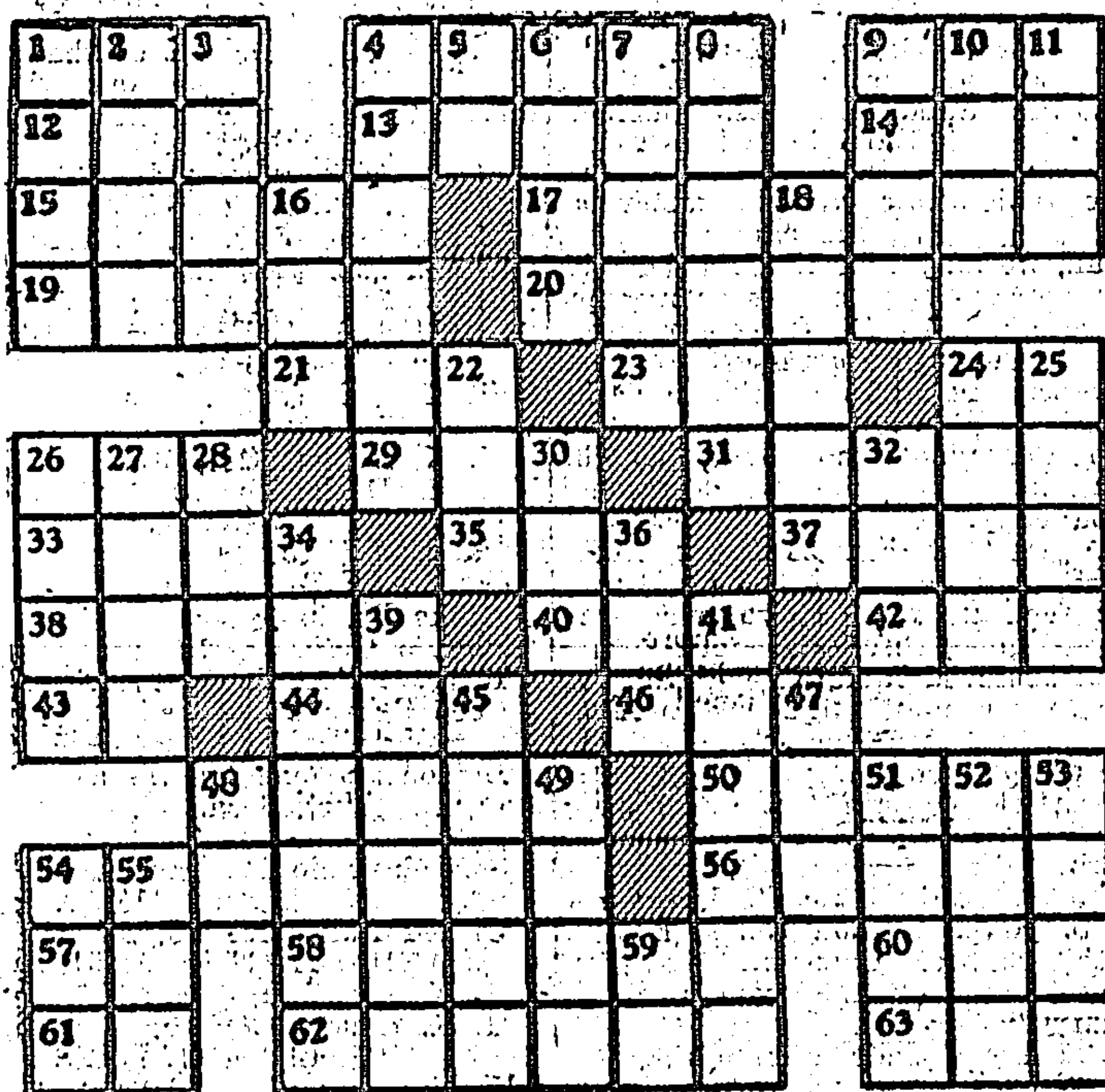
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- 14 To wish undone
- 15 Wield
- 17 Assenting
- 19 Italian for "saint"
- 20 To habituate
- 21 Islet
- 23 Stage of history
- 24 Have being
- 26 Crazy
- 29 Record
- 31 Last part of a poem
- 33 Head
- 35 To wander aimlessly
- 37 Magnitude
- 38 Subordinate to
- 40 To overturn
- 42 Preceded
- 43 Negative
- 44 French of the
- 46 To drift
- 48 To subdivide

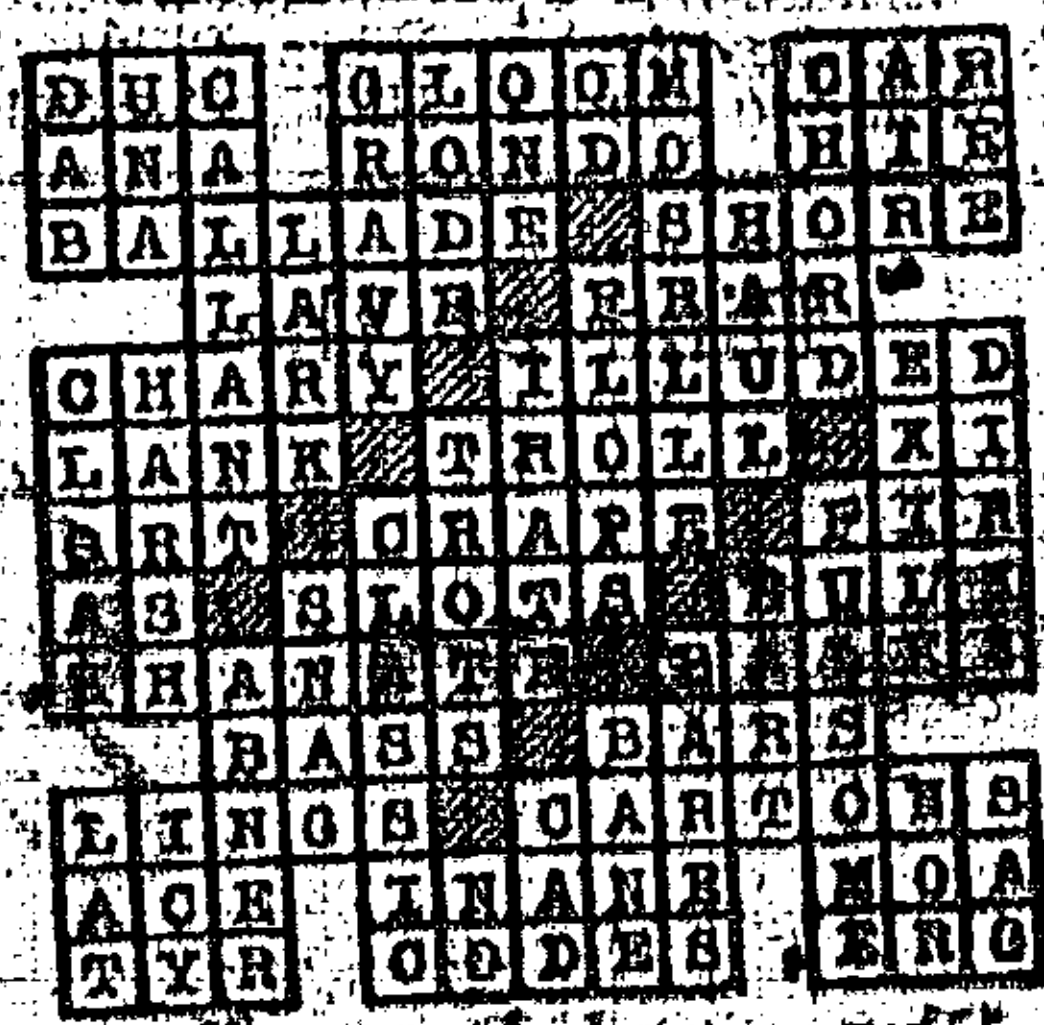
- 50 To come to completeness
- 54 Negotiated
- 56 Infirm
- 57 Exclamation
- 58 Served
- 60 To lodge
- 61 To act
- 62 Condition
- 63 Small boy

VERTICAL

- 1 Venomous snake (pl.)
- 2 Italian port
- 3 Counterpart
- 4 To attack
- 5 To exist
- 6 Grayish blue pigment
- 7 Form of oxygen

- 8 Period of holding
- 9 Laysie
- 10 Flow
- 11 Further
- 16 Greek letter
- 18 Gins
- 22 Colloquial to dress
- 24 Cutting tool
- 25 Reward
- 26 Rural deity
- 27 Italian river
- 28 Unexploding shell
- 30 Ship channel
- 32 Petroleum
- 34 To intercede
- 36 Realm of Pluto
- 39 French securities
- 41 To exhibit
- 45 Arena
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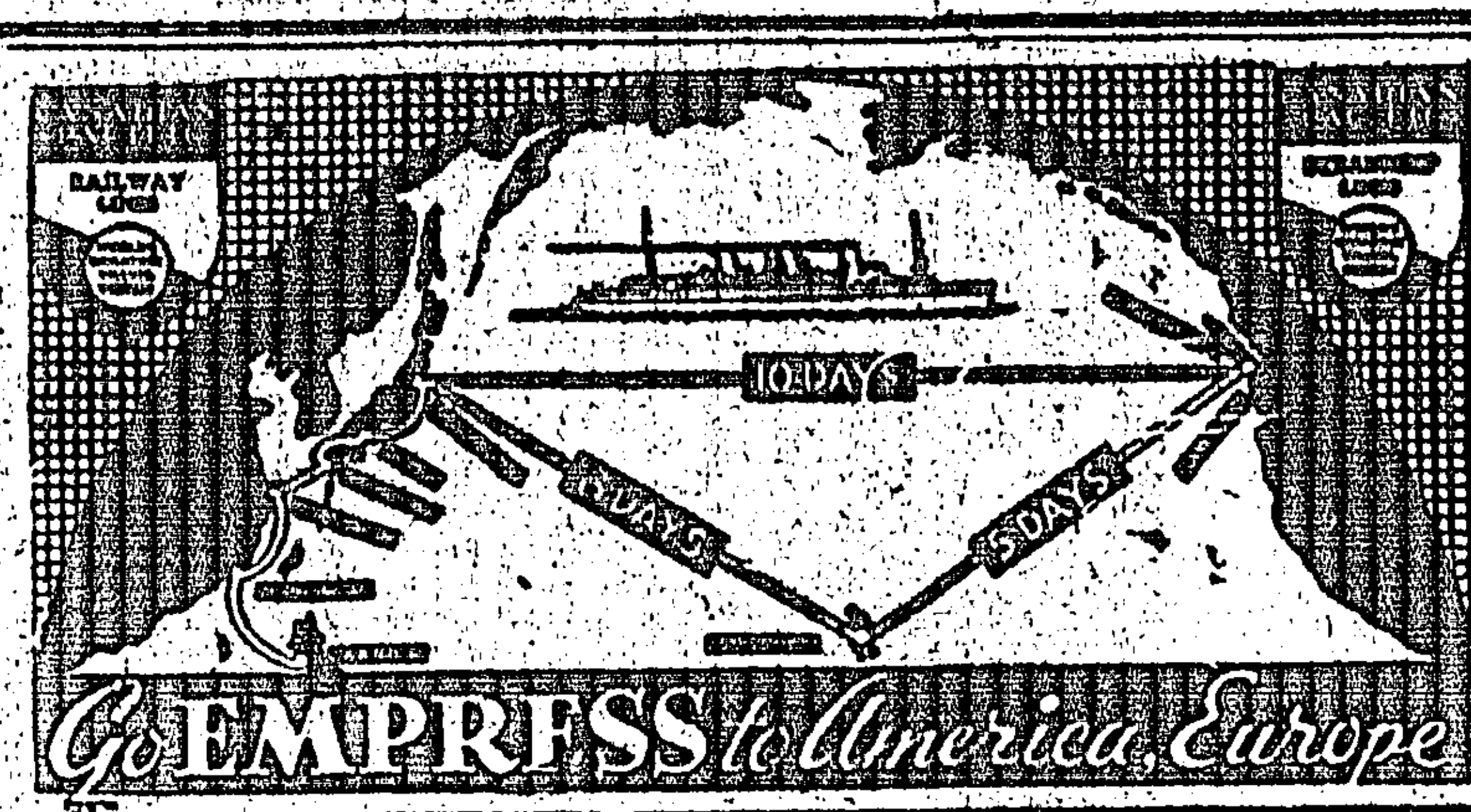
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Wife's Action For Libel Fails Life Of Her Husband's Friend: 'Glamorous, Purple. Affair'

Claiming that she had been libelled by an article in the "Sunday Express" by Mrs. Louise Tunstall, whose life, counsel said, had been described as "rather a glamorous, purple affair," Mrs. Valerie Constance Mayo, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.W., was plaintiff in an action before Mr. Justice Singleton in the King's Bench Division.

Mrs. Mayo sued London Express Newspaper, Ltd., printers and publishers of the "Sunday Express," alleging that expressions were used which meant that her husband, Mr. Harry Mayo, was a bachelor and free to marry, and that she, therefore, was not lawfully married and was the mother of illegitimate children.

Defendants admitted publication of the words complained of, but denied that they were capable of a defamatory meaning.

Husband's Change

The marriage was reasonably happy until the autumn of 1937, when Mr. Mayo became entangled with a woman named Mrs. Tunstall. He became different in manner, and eventually left his wife.

In January and February, 1938, the affairs of Mr. Mayo and Mrs. Tunstall suddenly became notorious, as Mr. Tunstall burgled the flat where his wife and Mr. Mayo were living, and stole some of the property of both. Mr. Tunstall was prosecuted and convicted at the Central Criminal Court.

The trial was on Feb. 15, and on Feb. 20 the "Sunday Express" published an article in the form of an interview with Mrs. Tunstall.

"The whole affair was of a somewhat sordid nature, and the career of Mrs. Tunstall, we may take it from her own article, appears also to have been somewhat sordid," Mr. Boyfus commented.

"Cloak of Romance"
"The sensational Press like to clothe the sordid with the cloak of romance, and the defendants, no doubt, thought that an article by this woman would be good 'copy'."

"So, somewhat reckless of the effects which the article might have on other people such as Mrs. Mayo, who was merely a good wife and mother who had not achieved fame as a glamorous woman or a romantic figure by promiscuous immoralities, they published the article complained of."

The article contained the following passages of an interview with Mrs. Tunstall:

Mr. Mayo said to me, "I have proposed to you a million times, Louise. Take this chance. Come and live with me and I will look after you until we can marry."

Now I have made unhappiness by saying "No" in court when they asked me if I intended to marry Mr. Mayo. I do intend to marry him when I am divorced. But I was not going to say so in public.

Mr. Mayo, as a man of honour, would have felt bound to marry me after that. Mrs. Mayo afterwards found that she was "cold-shouldered" by her friends and the number of invitations she received to other people's houses diminished.

Decree Nisi
Mr. Boyfus said he was not suggesting that the defendants intended to make any reflection on Mrs. Mayo. When she asked for a withdrawal of the statement affecting her, they denied that she had been libelled, and pointed out that newspapers, in reporting the Old Bailey proceedings, had reported that Mr. Mayo, in his evidence, said he was a married man.

In her evidence, Mrs. Mayo said that last October she obtained a decree nisi against her husband, alleging adultery with Mrs. Tunstall. The decree had not yet been made absolute.

Mr. Boyfus, in his final speech to the jury, referred to the article as "this worthless trash from this worthless woman."

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, addressing the jury, said: "It lies in your hands to discourage actions of this type. So long as juries continue to accede to the demands of counsel like Mr. Boyfus, whose adjectives became progressively stronger, so long will this type of action continue to be brought."

Judge and Mrs. Tunstall
Mr. Justice Singleton, summing up, said the innuendo placed upon the words complained of were that Mrs. Mayo had never been lawfully married to her husband, but had always lived with him in concubinage, that she was the mother of two illegitimate children and that she was a woman of unchaste, immoral character.

"Can you read that in this article, or anything like that?" the judge asked. "Perhaps it is a pity there should be articles of this kind after a trial, but you are not concerned with that. What you are concerned with is to do justice between the parties."

The jury returned a verdict for the defendants.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1400/10 sa.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$220 b., \$221 sa.
Union Ins. \$480 sa.
H. K. Fire Ins. \$185 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves \$119 b., \$119 sa.
H. K. Docks (Old) \$17 1/4 b.
H. K. Docks (New) \$16 1/4 b.
MINING
Raubs \$3 1/4 b.
Antamoks Ps. 45 sa.
Atoks Ps. 35 1/2 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 27 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 13.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 45 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .005 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .14 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .66 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .15 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 2.05 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 21 1/4 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .69 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.85 sa.
H. K. Lands \$36 1/4 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$16.90 b.
Yaumati Ferries (Old) \$23 1/2 b.
Yaumati Ferries (New) \$22.70 b.
China Lights (Old) \$8.70 sa.
China Lights (New) \$5 1/2 b.
H. K. Electrics \$58 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights \$10.40 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Canton Ices \$1 b.
Cements \$15.00 b.
H. K. Ropes \$4 b.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms \$26 1/2 sa.
Watsons \$7.85 b., \$7.90 sa.
Wing On (H.K.) \$41 1/2 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
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JAP. NAVAL BUDGET FIGURES

Tokyo, To-day.

In connection with the supplementary Naval Budget of 180,000,000 yen, the Finance Minister yesterday revealed that this includes 60,000,000 yen, the first instalment of a six-year building programme totalling 1,205,000,000 yen.

The supplementary Budget also includes the sum of 56,000,000 yen, the first instalment of a five-year naval air programme totalling 300,000,000 yen, and 48,000,000 yen, the first instalment of a munitions replenishment programme totalling 188,000,000 yen.

The Navy Minister explained that the Navy's fourth replenishment would be worked out on a basis comparable to the largest of other world navies, "with sufficient power to overcome any friction arising in connection with construction of a new order in East Asia, while in the event of the powers most closely related with Japan increasing their armaments, the Japanese navy would map out plans to meet the new situation."—Reuter.

FULL SUPPORT FOR S.M.C. PROMISED

London, To-day.

In a statement in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said a working arrangement for co-operation between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities had been reached which the Foreign Secretary thought did not impair the authority of the Municipal Council.

Asked if they could assume that the British Government would continue to give full support to the Shanghai Municipal authorities in negotiations with the Japanese, Mr. Butler replied "Yes."—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

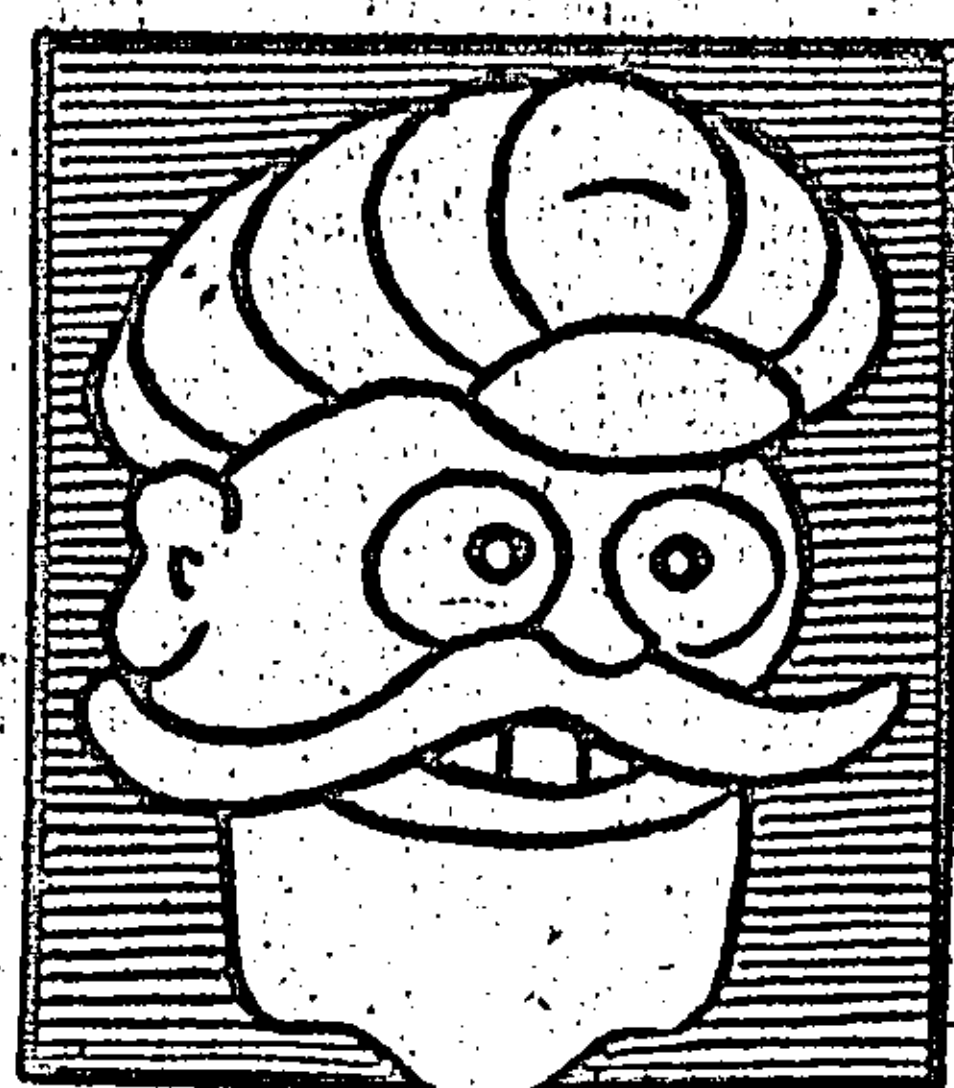
The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-9/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.68787 and the New York-London rate at £-U.S.\$4.69-1/16.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

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UPSIDE
DOWN TO SEE
MY UNCLE MOE.

I'M BROTHER
BILL. HELLO!



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MY HEAD
YOU WILL FIND
BROTHER JOE.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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MR. GANDHI BECOMING MORE EXHAUSTED

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

A BULLETIN ISSUED LAST EVENING STATED THAT MR. GANDHI IS BECOMING MORE EXHAUSTED, AND THAT NAUSEA AND RESTLESSNESS HAVE MADE AN APPEARANCE.

Mr. E. C. Gibson, Crown Representative in Rajkot, called on Mr. Gandhi last night and was closeted with him for half an hour, after which the Mahatma was busy dictating to his secretary.

Governor-General BUSY Mrs. Gandhi has been released "within the limits of the State of Rajkot" and is now with Gandhi. She had been arrested for participating in the civil disobedience campaign.

The Governor-General, Lord Linlithgow, spent the day receiving members of the Executive Council individually, as well as Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Congress leader in the Assembly, regarding the impasse.—Reuter.

SENATE O.K.'S 6,000 PLANES PROPOSAL

Washington, To-day.

The Senate has approved the proposal to increase the strength of the Army Air Corps to 6,000 aeroplanes.

The House of Representatives had previously approved a limit of 5,500 planes.—Reuter.

ROUND TRIPS TO AMERICA

Member Lines of the Trans-Pacific Passenger Conference yesterday announced special return fares in all classes, except third class, from Hong Kong and other Orient ports to Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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A film star who has always enjoyed great popularity in Hong Kong, has just been married.

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Rugby Sevens

P. And O. Bldg.'s Strong Challenge

(By "REFEREE")

A MEAGRE handful of spectators witnessed the first four matches in the Blarney Stone Rugby Seven-A-Side Tournament which were held on the Club ground yesterday and which provided several thrilling and interesting encounters.

It is evident that P. and O. Bldg., comprising Gibb Livingstone, Mackinnon Mackenzie and Hong Kong Electric are going to have a say in the final for with Bidwell and Grieve as threequarters, they probably have two of the trickiest centres in the competition.

The first game of the afternoon was a very close affair, resulting in a win for 5th A.A. Regiment over Middlesex "B" by a try (3 points) to nil. Easterbrook and Page were the pick of the Ack team and the former scored their only points. Middlesex threw away the game by wasting valuable time in the closing minutes.

Middlesex "B": L/Cpl. Moggridge; Pte. Mellor and Sgt. Hiscocks; Pte. Thomson; Pte. Hurlock, Sgt. Bayly and L/Cpl. Betts.

5th A.A. Regt.: L/Sgt. Page; Gnr. Easterbrook and Gnr. Gibling; L/Bdr. Harding; L/Bdr. Evans; Gnr. Clark and Gnr. Whitehead.

Threes Shine

Although P. & O. Bldg. looked very strong on paper, they had to go all out to make an impression on Police "B", who looked very much like creating an upset in the early stages of the game.

Grieve's weaving in and out and Bidwell's deceptive pace and swerve paved the way for the Building's win.

Grieve scored the first try and added the points, but P. and O. Bldg. were penalised when Brown picked the ball up after a player had been tackled, and Wall converted a penalty goal. In the second half Grieve cut through for a grand opening, before sending Bidwell over for their second try which Grieve converted.

Police "B": J. Wall; R. B. Leslie and S. Hayward; H. W. Jackson; P. J. Cullinan; S. Innes and B. Wheeler.

P. & O. Bldg.: J. T. Brown; H. D. Bidwell and W. E. Grieve; P. Welch; G. M. Mars, W. E. Peers and C. Austin.

R.A.O.C. Pace Tells

R.A.O.C. backs paved the way for their win over 5th A.A. "B" by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points). Lang, Emberson and Boustead were outstanding for the winners, the first named showing a clean pair of heels to score the winning try.

Ordinance Corps went ahead when Emberson raced away diagonally and then cut back towards the posts for a good try which Boustead converted. Soon after Gunners retaliated through Lt. Mills, who scored an unconverted try in the corner. In the last two minutes Lang broke through for another good try, but Boustead hit the post.

5th A.A. "B": L/Bdr. Potter; Gnr. Sutcliffe and Lt. Mills; Bdr. Elliott; Gnr. Owens, Sgt. Higo and L/Bdr. Franklin.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Rugby Seven-A-Sides

First Round

5th A.A. Regt.	3	Middlesex "B"	0
Police "B"	3	P. & O. Bldg.	10
5th A.A. Regt. "B"	3	R.A.O.C.	8
H.K. Bank	5	8th Bde. R.A.	0

R.A.O.C.: Cpl. Emberson; L/Sgt. Lang and Cpl. Coughlan; Pte. Leach; Pte. Boustead, Sgt. Heaton and Lt. Macpherson.

Findlay's Poor Tactics

Incessant touch-finding by L/Sgt. Findlay instead of getting the ball away to his threequarters helped Hong Kong Bank to victory over 8th Heavy Brigade in the last match of the afternoon which Bank won by a goal (5 points) to nil. Taverner scoring in the first half. Play was very scrappy throughout, Day twice being caught by the scruff of his neck and thrown into touch when a score looked imminent. Butcher worked hard but was often blocked by one of his own players.

H.K. Bank: M. G. Carruthers; A. H. R. Butcher and L. G. Day; E. Taverner; E. A. Bompas, J. S. Dunnett and K. A. Watson.

8th Hvy. Bde: L/Sgt. Findlay; L/Bdr. Marsh and Gnr. Richards; Gnr. Keeble; Bdr. Gardner, Gnr. Lockett and Gnr. Clarke.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong Hockey Club against All-India team on the Club ground at 5 p.m. tomorrow:

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, A. H. Pontius, G. E. R. Divett, E. F. A. Morgan and R. A. Bates.

The following will represent Club 2nd XI against Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI on the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Friday.

W. Brown; J. E. Potter and W. G. Schnabel; L. Starbuck, H. J. D. Lowe and A. M. J. Wright; W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, A. H. Pontius, K. A. Bidmead and I. P. Tamworth.

Poor Support



Miss G. White (St. Andrew's) (left) and Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's) (right) have both been selected for the Colony Ladies Interport intermediate line against the Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association. ("China Mail" photos).

Colony Tennis Ties Provide Uninspiring Fare For Spectators

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH public interest appeared as great as ever before judging by the crowd that was present, the Colony Tennis Championships which opened at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday provided a brand of tennis quite as dull as the weather itself and that was terrible.

Most interest was concentrated on the doubles match between J. W. Leonard and G. Choa and Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung which the former pair won by the odd set.

The opening exchanges in the match would not have done credit to four schoolgirls. There were no efforts to hit the ball, constructive play was conspicuous by its absence and errors flowed freely from both sides of the net.

Neither Choa nor Leonard could do anything right with the result that they lost 3-6.

In the second set, Choa's drive started to function, while Leonard also improved considerably. Conversely, the opposition went to pieces and were thoroughly outclassed while losing the set to love.

Finest tennis was witnessed in the final set when there were some very decent volleying rallies. At the net the Chinese pair were far more convincing but Leonard and Choa, although they revealed many weak points in their combination, were sufficiently sure off the ground and safe overhead to enable them to get through at the 10th game.

REMEDIOS BEATEN

A. V. Remedios, the hard-hitting Recreio player, was rather unexpectedly beaten by Luk Chun-cheung, a fine steady player with a fine range of crisp ground strokes. This match proved quite entertaining to watch as neither player was afraid to hit the ball. Luk was slightly the more steady and this factor carried him through.

Other matches went as expected. Paul Kong and Szeto Bick, a promising combination, were not extended sufficiently to enable any fair estimate to be made of their capabilities.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES

Chan Kam-moon beat A. R. Kit-chell 6-1, 6-3.

Tsui Ping-fan beat T. C. Monaghan 6-3, 7-5.

C. R. Bax beat Ng Kam-cheung 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

I. M. A. Razack beat K. M. Lee 6-1, 6-1.

Luk Chun-cheung beat A. V. Remedios 6-4, 6-4.

DOUBLES

Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chik-keung 6-4, 6-0.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat I. Agafuroff and B. Agafuroff 6-1, 6-3.

J. W. Leonard and George Choa beat Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

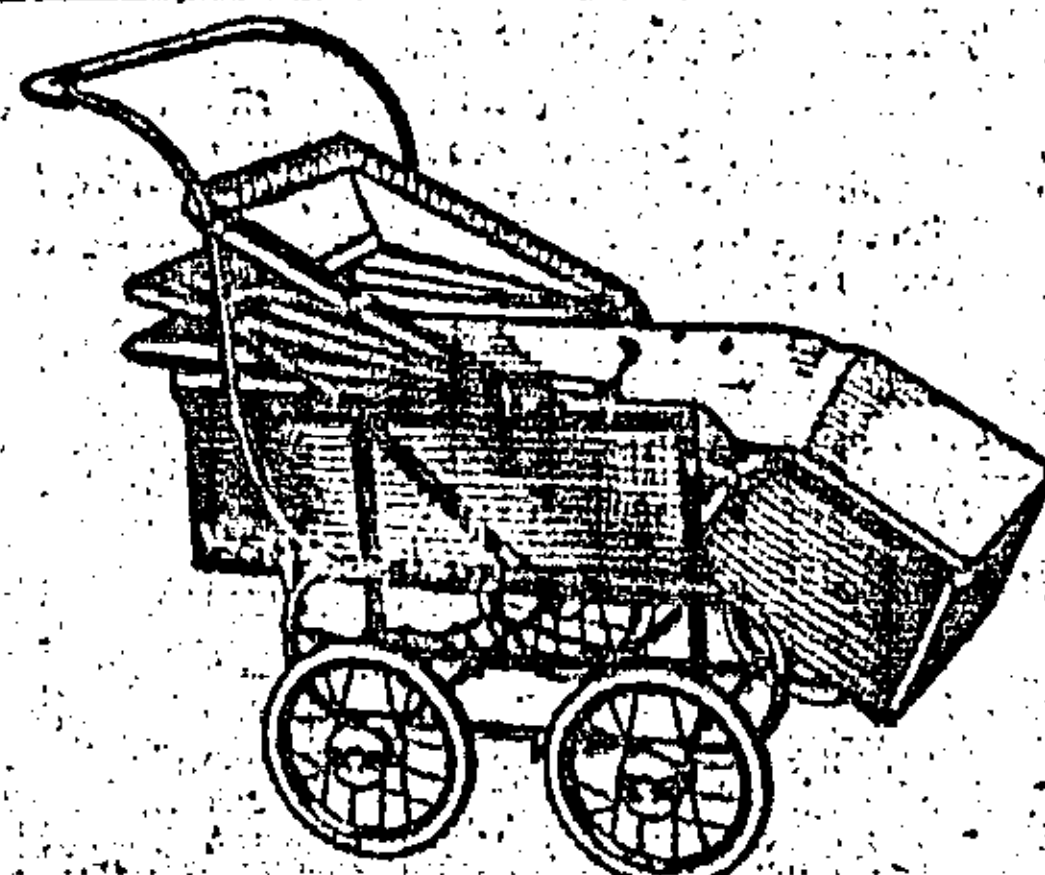
TO-DAY'S TENNIS

H. D. Rumjahn, former Colony singles lawn tennis champion, will be seen in action this afternoon in the 1939 Colony Championship when he opposes Wong Fuk-nam, of C.R.C. while the Tsui brothers, holders of the Colony Doubles title, will be on view against T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, whom they should defeat comfortably.

To-day's programme is as follows:

Open Singles (First Round)
Lam Kwan v. J. M. Tomlinson (1).
W. J. Howard v. W. A. Land (2).
Lau Kwong-cheung v. S. A. Gray (3).
Leo Chee-man v. Leong Ping-chiu (6).
Y. C. Lau v. Leo Wai-tong (7).
Wong Fuk-nam v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).
Open Doubles (First Round)
E. B. Story and J. J. Ferguson v. Pang Oi-jam and Wei Chung (4).
Tsui Ping-fan and Tsui Yung-pul (holders) v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (5).

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PERKS MAKES EXCELLENT DEBUT AS ENGLAND BOWLER

Durban, To-day.

Outstanding feature of the third day's play in the Fifth and final Test Match between South Africa and England, which was resumed here yesterday morning, was the Springboks' new record total against an England side, scoring 530 in 781 minutes to surpass the previous highest of 513 for 8 dec. in Capetown, in 1931.

A. D. Nourse 77 and R. E. Grieverson resumed South Africa's innings, the former going on to reach his first Test century against England in 356 minutes, scoring six boundaries and simultaneously, the partnership had realised 100 in 134 minutes.

Three runs later Nourse fell to a yorker off Perks. Langton followed and together with Grieverson took the score to 490 for 7 at lunch, Grieverson reaching his half century in 151 minutes, scoring with neat cuts and drives to the leg boundary.

The 500 was hoisted in 749 minutes, but Grieverson was dismissed soon after for 75. He had given a solid all-round display in his 205 minutes at the wicket. Langton hit Verity for a six, but was out soon after at long off to Paynter. off Verity's bowling, for 27. Newson was caught and bowled Verity for one and South Africa's innings came to a close for 530 runs.

England made a disastrous start, Gibb, being caught in two minds, snicked at a rising ball to be well taken by Grieverson, the wicket-keeper, after scoring only four runs. Paynter joined Hutton and they took the score to 35 for 1 when the closure was applied at 4.49 p.m. owing to steady rain.

Melville, the South African skipper, appeared to have strained a leg and was limping about.

F.A. Cup Semi Final Round Draw

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the semi-final round of the F.A. Cup Competition, which will be played on March 25:

Portsmouth v. Huddersfield or Blackburn (at Highbury).
Wolves v. Grimsby (at Manchester U. ground).—Reuter.

Huddersfield and Blackburn shared two goals last Saturday in their sixth round encounter and will have to replay during the week to decide the semi-finalist.

Scottish F.A. Cup Semi Final Round Draw

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the semi-final round of the Scottish F.A. Cup Competition, which will be played on March 25:

Hibernian v. Clyde (on Hearts ground).
Aberdeen v. Motherwell (on Rangers ground).—Reuter.

TEST SCORE BOARD

SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNINGS	
P. G. Van Der Byl, b. Perks	125
A. Melville, b. Wright	78
E. A. Rowan, l.b.w., b. Perks	33
B. Mitchell, b. Wright	11
A. D. Nourse, b. Perkes	103
K. G. Viljoen, c. Ames, b. Perks	0
E. L. Dalton, c. Ames, b. Farnes	57
R. E. Grieverson, b. Perkes	75
A. B. C. Langton, c. Paynter, b. Verity	27
E. S. Newson, c. and b. Verity	1
N. Gordon, not out	0
Extras	20

Total	530
Fall of wickets: 1 for 131 (Melville); 2 for 219 (Rowan); 3 for 236 (Mitchell) 4 for 274 (Van Der Byl); 5 for 278 (Viljoen); 6 for 368 (Dalton), 7 for 475 (Nourse) 8 for 522 (Grieverson), 9 for 523 (Newson) 10 for 530 (Langton).	

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Farnes	46 9 108 1
Perks	41 5 100 5
Wright	37 6 142 2
Verity	55.6 14 97 2
Hammond	14 4 34 0
Edrich	9 2 29 0

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS	
Hutton, not out	24
P. A. Gibb, c. Grieverson, b. Newson	4
Paynter, not out	6
Extras	1

Total (for one wicket)	35
Fall of wickets:—1 for 9 (Gibb). To bat:—W. R. Hammond (Capt.), B. H. Valentine, K. Farnes, Edrich, Perks, Verity, Wright, and Ames.	

RAPIER'S NOTES TO-MORROW

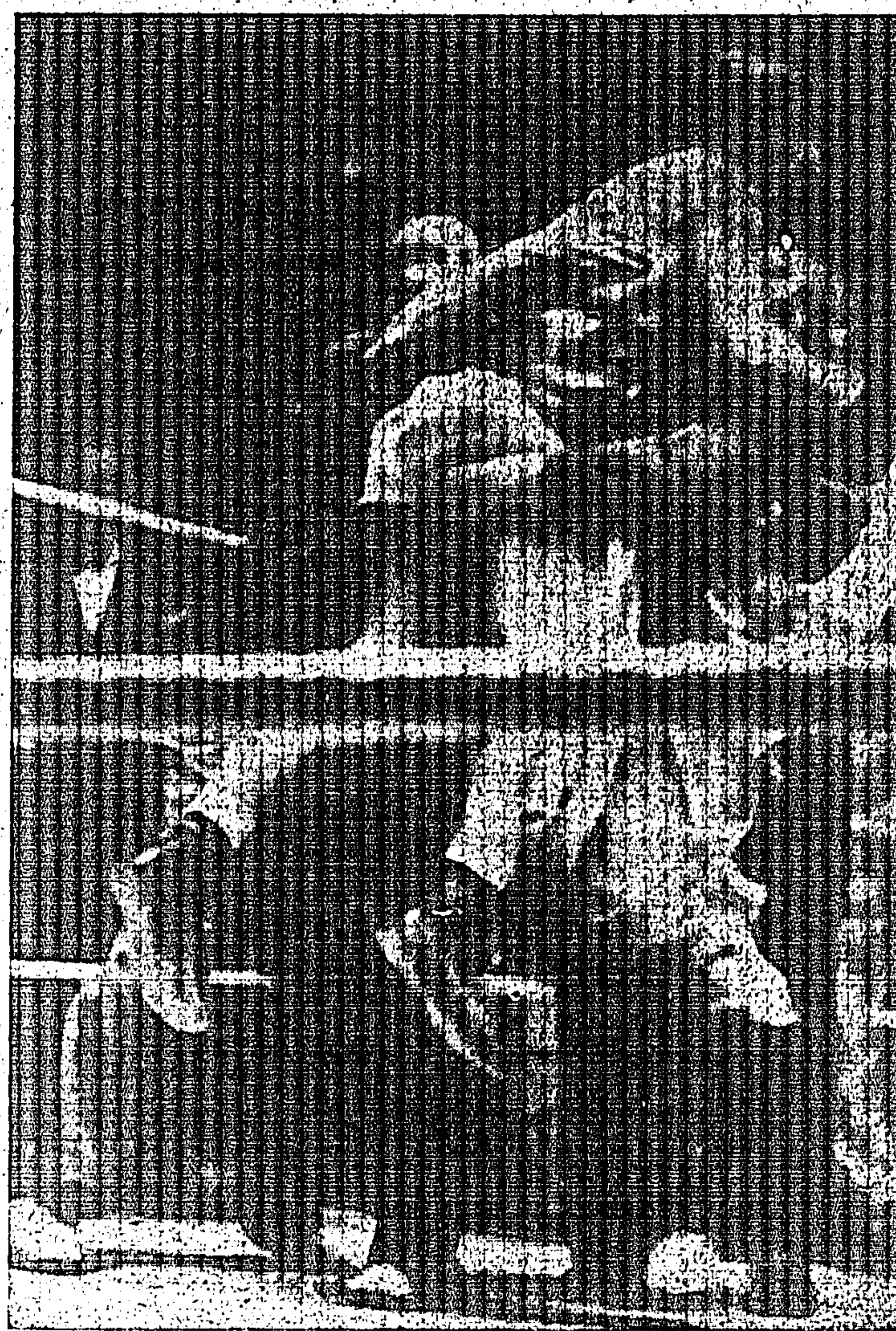
"Rapier's" review of the Annual Race Meeting will appear in tomorrow's editions of the "China Mail" on pages 22 and 23.

MISS MARGOT LUMB'S FIFTH SUCCESS

London, To-day.

Miss Margot Lumb, British Wightman Cup tennis star, yesterday won the English Women's Squash Rackets Championship for the fifth successive year, when she beat Miss Susan Noel, an ex-champion, by 9-6, 9-1, 9-7 in the final which was held at Queen's Club.

—Reuter.



Eric Boon, is seen above being lifted and hugged by his seconds after his triumphant bout with Arthur Danahar, over whom he secured a technical knockout decision at the Harringay Stadium on the night of February 23. (Copyright, Fox).

FORMER HIBERNIAN PLAYER FOR THIRD LANARK

A. Anderson, the former Hibernian player, who was transferred to Bolton in 1937, has been signed on by Third Lanark.

BRITISH GOLFERS BEATEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Durban. — The British Senior Golfers' team, playing the second match of their Natal tour, lost to a Maritzburg team by six matches to three.

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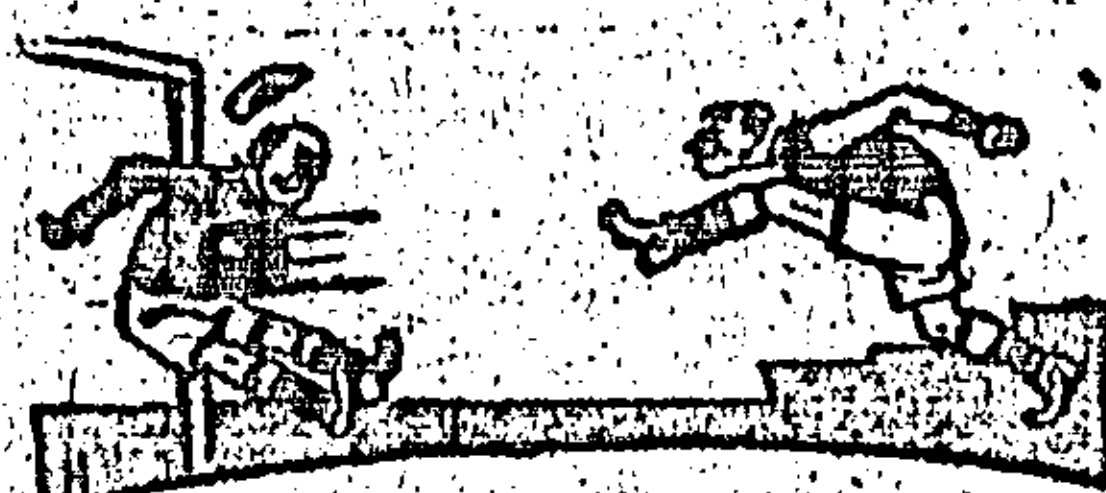
Praise For South Africans

Season's Remaining Soccer Ties

The following are the remaining football fixtures for the rest of the season.

MARCH 18	
First Division	
Eastern	v Royal Scots
Middlesex	v St. Joseph's
Police	v South China "A"
Kowloon Club	v South China "B"
	v Kwong Wah
Second Division	
R.A.O.C.	v St. Joseph's
Royal Scots	v Eastern
Engineers	v Middlesex
Kowloon	v 5th R.A.
Kwong Wah	v Club
South China	v Police

MARCH 19
Sunday Herald International Charity Cup—(Semi-Final)
China v England



MARCH 25	
First Division	
Kowloon	v South China "A"
Middlesex	v Eastern
St. Joseph's	v Police
Second Division	
Kwong Wah	v South China
5th R.A.	v Eastern
St. Joseph's	v R. E.

MARCH 26	
Lai Wah Cup—(Final)	
Chinese	v Civilians

APRIL 1	
First Division	
Kowloon	v Club
Second Division	
Police	v Eastern
R. E.	v Club

APRIL 2
Straits Chinese Visit
The following games have yet to be re-arranged:

"Can Face Final Test With Confidence"

NEWSPAPER AND PLAYERS' COMMENTS

(By AIR MAIL)

THE South African newspapers and critics regard South Africa's performance in the fourth Test as very encouraging for the final Test which begins at Durban on March 3. Some of the comments are:—

Royal Navy	v South China "A"
Eastern	v Kwong Wah
Royal Navy	v Eastern
Royal Scots	v Kowloon

APRIL 7
Junior Shield—(Final)

APRIL 8
Senior Shield—(Final)

APRIL 10

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup—(Final)

NATAL MERCURY—It may justly be said that South Africa were always the better team, and for the first time Melville more than matched Hammond's leadership. The team has settled down into one which may surprise everybody at Durban.

Rand Daily Mail—The events in this match, in which the Springboks have called the tune, must have greatly increased their confidence. They have a 50-50 chance of saving the rubber by winning the last Test. South Africa had much the worst of the wicket, but that disadvantage was evened up by England's inexplicably bad fielding.

Louis Duffus (in the *Johannesburg Star*)—The South Africans played heroic and efficient cricket with the toss, weather and wicket all against them. Melville's generalship was superb, and his fielding and deft batting helped to hoist the South African team back to the pedestal it has not reached since Lord's in 1935. The gripping events in this abbreviated match were a strong vindication of the M.C.C.'s decision to leave the wickets uncovered.

The Afrikaans Press says that out for the rain South Africa would undoubtedly have won. They were the better side, and could face the final test full of confidence.

SKIPPER'S COMMENTS

A. Melville (South African captain)—"We took all the chances in the field. That made all the difference between this match and the last."

H. G. Deane (ex-South African captain)—"It is the best-balanced batting side we have had for years."

S. J. Pitts (vice-chairman of the South African Board of Control)—"The chief feature of the match was the poor performance of England in the first innings, and their unaccountable failure to dismiss South Africa for a small total on a bad wicket on Monday. The South Africans did well, and might have had a good win if play had been possible on Tuesday, but it is most unlikely that England will again be dismissed for under 300. Praise must be given to Langton and Gordon for their excellent bowling throughout the match. A large number of runs can be expected at Durban."

W. R. Hammond declined to comment.

TEST TOUR WAS "NOT TOO STRENUOUS"

Sydney, (By AIR MAIL)

Mr. Sydney Smith, who managed the Australian team which toured England in 1926, told the New South Wales Cricket Association that the 1938 tour of Bradman's team was not too strenuous.

He was criticising W. J. O'Reilly, Australia's leading bowler, and several other Test players who, following the tour, did not appear for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield competition.

At a public meeting recently, O'Reilly said that he was something of a galley slave during the tour.

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"Doc" Molthen's Great Game Against Filipinos: Dave Walker Also Shines

RECREIO LADIES' BASE RUNNING GAVE THEM VICTORY Ewo Beer Helped Electricians

(By GRAND STAND)

THE big crowd which witnessed the Midget-Chinese Baseball Club League Softball play-off last Sunday, was rather disappointed to see the famed C.B.C. outfit perform so badly and taking a 12 to 6 trouncing at the hands of the mighty Midgets. The expectators expected a tight and interesting game but were treated to a one-sided affair.

The Chinese Baseball Club nine played terrible baseball and the youngsters from Diocesan Boys School made them look like kids playing bean-bag in the nursery. Tommy Chan, was much below par on the pitching slab for the Chinese Baseballers. He pitched great ball for the first two innings, but could not keep up the pace and exploded in the third inning.

The Midget clouters, who collected 8 safeties and 8 free tickets to first-base during the fray, pounced on Tommy Chan's offerings like wolves ganging up on a weary-rabbit. The C.B.C. fielders displayed some bone-head plays which would have been a discredit to any "vacant-lot" ball team.

BONEHEAD PLAY

Even Nip Lum, Earl Wong and Wally Ching, three of the best ball-players in the Colony, made bonehead plays. These three players redeemed themselves later in the game with their flashy fielding, but the game was too far gone in arrears. Right fielder Szeto Bick was the only one who really played a creditable game for C.B.C. His running catches at right-field were something to write home about. For the Midgets, Herbie Quon pitched very erratic ball at the start when he allowed six-walks and three runs to cross the plate in the first canto. From the second inning on, he bored in hard, allowing only four hits, three runs and three walks in the remaining six frames. He struck out six batters. That's tops for any twirler.

Crary, the windy-alley keeper for Midgets played a brilliant game. His fielding and throwing was very safe indeed. Sammy Wong, Midget's back-stop, was sure fire behind the plate. Dave Hutchison, Midget's stalky first baseman swung to glory by belting a homer along first base-line, bringing in two runs ahead of him. The Midgets, on account of this win, meet Recreio's strong aggregation next Sunday to decide the Championship in the Men's League.

"DOC'S" WINNING HIT

Contrary to expectations, Hong Kong Baseball Club-Filipino Club clash was a tight and interesting one. The Baseballers beat the P.I. boys 5-2. Doc Molthen, who pitched a grand game for the Baseball Clubbers, won his own game by slapping out a homer deep in centre-field bringing in two others before him.

According to Doc himself, this is the first time he ever knocked a homer in the 20 odd years he has been playing the American national pastime and he told us he is "darn proud of it".

Doc only allowed the Filipinos three measly hits, while the Baseballers pounded Loyola's delivery for six hits. Both teams only misused one apiece.

Dave "I hope so" Walker was very steady behind the plate.

ARSENIC TO FILIPINOS

His pegging to second-base was arsenic to the Filipino base-pilferers. Larry Brown was in great form at the hot-corner, fielding "shells" fired by the Filipino Big Bertha smackers. Honus Waggoner excelled at short-stop, and so did Rusty Fedoseyeff, at the key-stone-bag, for H.K.E.C.

Barty Dietz making his first appearance for the Hong Kong Baseball Club, was very safe at left-field. Harris at centre-field, made some beautiful catches. For the losers, Honorato Paulino copped fielding honours for his one-handed snagging in the windy-alley. Third baseman Evangelista played a mighty good game at the hot-corner. Pete Gaudin displayed good form at the initial sack while Luis but was not so good with the stick. He

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S LEAGUE			
Midgets	12	Chinese B.C.	6
Hong Kong B.C.	5	Filipinos	2
WOMEN'S LEAGUE			
Recreio	17	Cardinals	13
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
Shell	12	Lacas	10
H.K. Electric	27	Ewo	5
Dutch Bank	19	R.A.F.	7

Eramela did his work well behind the bat. Bautista was again dependable in the outfield.

BETTER BASE-RUNNERS

In the only game played in the Women's League on Sunday, Cardinals, although playing a much improved game, were subdued by Recreio Ladies 17-13. Both teams played on even terms, but the Portuguese girls were just a shade better fielders and base-runners than the Red-birds.

Mary Lachlan was erratic on the mound for Recs, but she tried hard to hold down the Cardinal heavy sluggers. Ada Zimmer pitched a swell game for the Cardinals, but for the errors her fielders made she would have won the game. Margaret Oliveira was better than ever with her fielding, stick work and particularly her base-running, which had the big crowd roaring. Every time she got safely on first-base she rounded bases, with the sweep of a sea gull diving for a fish, till she crossed home plate safely. Olga Rebeiro, Recreio's third sacker, played an excellent game both afield and at bat. Cissy Botelho retrieved some difficult flies in the outfield.

For Cardinals, Florie Wong at short-stop, was the most outstanding player. She fielded with the accuracy of a veteran in the windy gap. C. Esmiel played a good game at the initial sack, but at times was inclined to lift her foot off the bag when she made the catch. Eileen Bliss playing in her new position at the key-stone-bag, and displayed some good fielding and baseball sense. Jessie Wong excelled at third base for the losers, while her teammate Hilda Reid brought off some spectacular catches at left field.

BANKERS' EASY TIME

The Dutch Bank softball tossers had an easy time overwhelming the R.A.F. Fillers, 19-7. Although on the losing side, the Airmen played a much better game than they did last week against Green Spots. The Dutch Bankers collected 21 hits off Baynam, whose delivery proved easy meat. Barnard, R.A.F.'s centre-fielder, was kept busy catching flies in the outfield and did a very good job of it. The Fillers played tight game till the 6th frame, when they allowed the Bankers to score 10 runs on nine hits. Gillespie played well at left-field and made four hits out of five times at bat. L. A. Olorio, the Bankers' left-fielder, was very spectacular in the pinches and had a perfect day at bat, smacking four hits out of four trips to the plate. G. Stewart, R.A.F.'s home-run king, was very flashy at short-stop, but was not so good with the stick. He

CRICKET AVERAGES —WILL APPEAR— EVERY FRIDAY

As from this week, "Adrem's" First and Second Division League cricket averages will appear in every Friday's editions of the "China Mail".

only hit a two bagger. J. Remedios, C. Coelho and Denham belted a homer each.

"EWO BEER" HELPED WINNERS

In a one sided game, the Ewo clan were swamped by Hong Kong Electric squad 27-5. Free distribution of Ewo beer featured the game, but it seems that liquid refreshment had a better effect on the Electricians judging from the score. Teddy Gaubert's delivery was easy picking for Hong Kong Electric sluggers, who chalked up 36 hits during the encounter.

M. Razack, Electric's hurler, did a little better in allowing 17 hits in seven innings. Homers were socked by Bill Knox, G. Souza, S. Gafoor, and R. Souza.

K. Baxter, playing softball for the first time, made a good showing in the field and with the bat, but his base-running showed he did not know much about the game. G. Ribeiro, Ewo's Babe Ruth, played a hard game in the outfield and smacked three-hits in four time to bat. P. Wong looked like a real ball player at the initial sack. H. M. Britto was safe as a concrete-wall at first-base for the Electricians. G. Souza and R. Souza were sound at short-stop and third-base, respectively.

SHELL'S EXCITING WIN

On the La Salle College ground, A.P.C. Shell downed the strong Lacas diamond artists, 15-13, in a close and exciting game.

K. Nazarin, on the mound for Lacas was hit by the Oilers for 17 safe bingles while Gutierrez, the Shell heaver, only allowed 10 hits. Lacas' poor base-running spelt their downfall. They only stole one base to the Oilers' 10 and left nine runners on bases.

In the outfield for Shell, "Donald Duck" Xavier and Bimby Ablong shared honours, each nabbing a couple flies off their shoe-strings. A. R. Kitchell was unpenetrable at short-stop for Shell. He made two put-outs and four assists. Cony Pereira rapped the only homer of the clash.

Hal Winglee did splendid work as back-stop for the Oilers. His pegging to second was swift and accurate as a bullet and he only allowed one base-runner to steal second. For the losers, honours must go to A. R. Marker, at left-field, and M. el Arculli, at short-stop, for their magnificent fielding. A. M. Prata covered third-base in good order for Lacas. Ma Na Kwong scored the most runs for his team.

There were several squawks about bad umpiring last Sunday and I sincerely hope that for the good of the game, the Inter-Hong League Committee will do their best to assign competent umpires for their fixtures. Last Sunday a home plate umpire did not even know what a forced play was. He insisted that the runner must be tagged before he will call him out on a forced play!

DOMAHA FAVOURITE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call over for the Lincolnshire Handicap:
Domaha 10 to 1 t and o.
Galsonia 100 to 8.
Aldine 100 to 6 o.
St. Andrew 18 to 1.
Temeraire 25 to 1 t and o.
Dundee 25 to 1 t and o.
Daddy Bread 25 to 1 o.
Halcyon Gift 25 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
Pantryman 35 to 1 o, 40 to 1 t.
Squadron Castle 50 to 1 o, 66 to 1 t.
—Reuter.

Frank Woolley, the Kent and England cricketer, was unanimously elected a life member at the annual meeting of the Kent County Cricket Club. Major H. S. Hatfield, the old Eton captain, was elected president, and it was announced that Mr. F. G. H. Clegg had again accepted the captaincy.

Three More Football Interports!

Visits To Manila And Macao AND POSSIBLY SHANGHAI

At the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, it was decided that, in accordance with arrangements made with Manila, a Hong Kong team be sent to the Philippines as soon after the end the season as possible, probably leaving Hong Kong on April 28 by the s.s. President Cleveland and returning on May 10, by the s.s. Taiping.

A letter from Macao, issuing an invitation to visit them for the Annual Interport match was read, in which Macao state they have arranged for the game to be held on April 16. They requested that a senior team be sent over at the same time.

The Association accepted the invitation and agreed to send a senior team in addition.

BIG NET PROFIT FROM MANILA SOCCER VISIT

Mr. W. Pryde, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, announced at last night's meeting of the Council that a net profit of over \$3,200 had been made as a result of the visit of the Manila Interport team last month. This was beyond all expectations.

All matters concerning the two Interports were left to the Management Committee.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. W. Pryde, Chairman of the Association, said that as everyone knew Mr. R. Grimshaw, former president of the Shanghai Football Association, was now in the Colony. Mr. Grimshaw stated that Shanghai were most anxious for the Interports to be resumed and expressed the hope that with the co-operation of the Northern Association, Hong Kong would consider sending a team to Shanghai in November.

It was decided to recommend to the incoming council (for 1939-40) that a team be sent to Shanghai in November, this visit to count as the 1938-39 Interport, while Shanghai were to be invited to the Colony in February, of 1940.

Grand National Call Over

Temel Willow Hardens
In The Market

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call over for the Grand National Steeplechase:

Kilstar 13 to 2 o, 7 to 1 t.
Temel Willow 10 to 8 t and o.
Workman 100 to 8 o, 100 to 7 t.
Rockquilla 10 to 6 t and o.
Royal Daniel 100 to 6 o.
Royal Mail 20 to 1 t and o.
Under Bid 20 to 1 o, 22 to 1 t.
Magoffat 25 to 1 t and o.
Coolen 25 to 1 t and o.
Airgead Sios 33 to 1 o, 40 to 1 t.
Temel Willow has hardened in the market after its win in the 8th furlong Chase at Birmingham, when it beat Montrose by 12 lengths after conceding 21 lbs.
—Reuter.

Piano Recital from
Studio by
Luba Shaftain

To-day's Wireless

"Victorian Melodies"
and Roof
Garden Relay

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
(9.52 megacycles)

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Delius.
Brigg Fair.... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Geoffrey Toye.
To The Queen Of My Heart; Love's Philosophy.... Heddle Nash. (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano).
"Hassan" (Incidental Music)... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.
Caprice; Elegie.... Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ.
"Rosalie" Selection. (Cole Porter).
Once In A While (Green-Edwards).
Irving Berlin Memories.
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—My Sweetie Went Away; Handel In Harlem.... Scott Wood & His Six Swingers with Vocal

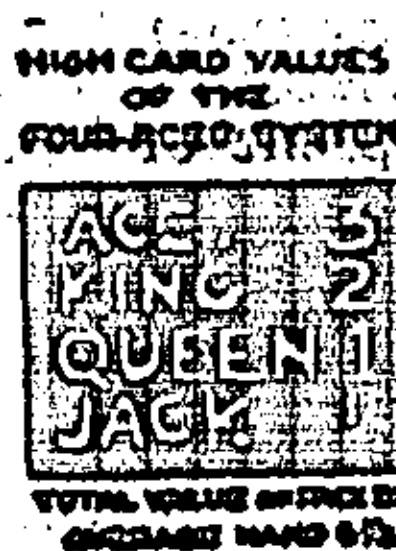
Chorus.
Slow Fox-Trot—Blazin' The Trail.... Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Rotarian Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith. Subject: "After Twenty-seven Years".
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Sweet and Slow; (b) Coffee and Kisses; (c) Lovelight in the Starlight; (d) Swingin' Annie Laurie.
6.14 p.m.—Record: The A.B.C. March (Foort & Ferring); Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune).... Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
6.21 p.m.—(a) To-night we love; (b) Skrontch; (c) My own; (d) Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen.
6.35 p.m.—Records: In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill); I've Got You Under My Skin (film "Born to Dance").... Peter Yorke (Piano).
Swing, Mister Charlie (Taylor, Brooks).... Judy Garland (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Sweet as a Song; (b) Swing low Sweet Chariot; (c) Now it can be told; (d) My walking stick.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "Victorian Melodies". A Musical Sequence. Produced and conducted by Stanford Robinson.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London Relay — 'Royal Palaces'—4: Buckingham Palace. Written by L. Du Garde Peach. Produced by H. Rooney Polletier.
8.30 p.m.—Studio — Luba Shaftain (Piano) playing "Kreisleriana" by Schumann.
8.55 p.m.—Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Operatic (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire).
10 p.m.—London Relay—"Sweet Serenade". A pot-pourri of romantic tunes played by The Seven Serenaders and sung by Eileen Vaughan and the Three Nomads.
10.30 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major.... Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts cond. by Edvard Fendler.
Symphony No. 102 in B Flat Major.... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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♠ K J
♥ K J
♦ A K
♣ Q 10 9 7

Neither side was vulnerable and the bidding went:
You Jacoby Schenken Burnstone
Pass Pass 1♠ 3♠

ANSWER: Double. This is known as a "cheap" double. Your hand should take three tricks defensively. If your partner supplies only two, the opponents will score 80 points. But if partner has a good hand, you will garner a sizeable penalty.

Score 100% for double, 60% for pass, 20% for two notrump (a very bad bid).

QUESTION NO. 41

The dealer, David Bruce Burnstone, is your partner to-day. You hold:

♠ A K 10 8 5
♥ K J
♦ K J
♣ K J

You are vulnerable. The bidding:

Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

What do you bid? (Answer to tomorrow.)

TODAY'S HAND

East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South 40 on score

♠ 10 8 2
♥ K J
♦ K J
♣ K J

♠ J 7 2
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ Q 5 1
♣ Q J 5 2

♠ A K 8 6 5
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 7 2

The Dealer:
East South West North
1♠ 1♠ 1♠ 1♠
Pass Pass Pass Pass

North thought that he could steal the rubber. His first raise of his partner's spade overcall was fair enough, but when East went to three clubs and South failed to rebid, North should have been content to let his opponents play their partial-score contract. Now West made a fine double and an even better opening — a small trump. Declarer, hoping to ruff at least one heart in dummy, led a club to the King, but when a heart was played, East jumped right in with the Ace and returned a trump. Unable to obtain any heart ruffs, Declarer was held to four trump tricks and the two top clubs. The 800-point penalty was suffered because North insisted upon making a hopeless effort to romp off with the rubber.

North should have realised that his partner, as well as he, knew that there was a partial score to their credit. South's failure to rebid should have been sufficient indication that his hand was mediocre.

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AT THE STAR — "Bad Man of Brimstone". A story of the Wild West of America starring Wallace Beery and featuring Dennis O'Keefe, Bruce Cabot, Lewis Stone and Virginia Bruce.

AT THE ORIENTAL — "Spahn of The North". Thrill after thrill proves that the cause of true love does not run smooth even in tumultuous frontier Alaska. Henry Hathaway's greatest drama. The brilliant cast includes George Raft, Henry Fonda, Dorothy Lamour, Akim Tamiroff, John Barrymore, Louise Platt and Lynne Overman.

AT THE KING'S — "The Cowboy and the Lady". When Mary went on a blind date with the cook and housemaid, she nearly wrecked daddy's chance of being president, but that's not the half of it. Tip-top comedy with a perfect cast headed by Gary Cooper, Merle Oberon, Patsy Kelly, Walter Brennan, Fuzzy Knight and Mabel Todd.

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J. RALSTON,
Director.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 18th March, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th March, 1939.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1939.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th February, 1939.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th. February to 9th. March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 16th. February, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

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Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1905
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Kharapa)	207
Mainland	Feet.
Shamshau	5124
Wai Tsang	1971

PENAL REFORM METHODS

London, To-day.
A Report issued by the Home Office contains suggestion for new methods of penal reform.

It is proposed that special centres be established for the training and psychological treatment of prisoners.

BRITONS REMEMBER ZEPPELIN CREW

London, To-day.
The British Legion yesterday held its annual memorial service for the crew of the German zeppelin which was brought down during the Great War at Potters Bar, Middlesex.

The German Charge d'Affaires in London and representatives of German Ex-Servicemen were present at the service.

SILKYLIGHT DEAD

Silkylight, Mr. Eric Moller's champion griffin for 1938 died in the stables this morning from colic from which it had been suffering since Wednesday and which kept him out of the Champions.

Last year Silkylight won the Derby and the Champions beating the then unbeaten Liberty Bay in the latter in a dramatic finish.

ALIENS IN INDIA

New Delhi, To-day.
The Governor-General, Lord

NEW FRONTIERS IN AFRICA

London, To-day.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, informed the House of Commons yesterday that consultations were going on with the Egyptian Government with the object of defining the boundaries between Italian East Africa and the Sudan.

Upon the conclusion of these consultations the British Ambassador in Rome, Lord Perth, will submit to the Italian Government two memoranda containing proposals for frontier rectification between Italian East Africa and the Sudan on one hand and Kenya and Italian Somaliland on the other. — Trans-Ocean.

LONDON'S FIRE BRIGADE

London, To-day.
The strength of London's fire-fighting forces has increased ten times in the last year, declared the Leader of the London County Council yesterday.

However, 14,000 more volunteers were required for the A. R. P. auxiliary fire services.

Linlithow, has approved a Bill for the compulsory registration of foreigners in India.

There are at present 500,000 aliens in India and there is no check on their movements.

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